

The Bethel Citizen

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Bingo hall appeals filed

By MICHAEL DANIELS

As expected, opponents of the proposed high-stakes bingo hall in Albany township have filed legal appeals challenging its approval by the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission.

Two appeals were filed last week in Kennebec County Superior Court, asking the court to overturn LURC's 5-2 vote of Nov. 20, which allowed the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe and its New York financial backer to go ahead with the \$5.5 million project.

One appeal was filed by Portland attorney John M.R. Patterson, on behalf of Margaret Wille, an Albany property owner, and Evelyn Kimball, a long-time resident who lives across the road from the site where the developers plan to build the hall.

A second appeal was filed by Albany attorney Jeff Rosenblatt, on behalf of himself and three dozen other residents.

Wille, who is also an attorney, said the appeal process is likely to take at least six months to run its course.

Newry advised to halt further Powder Ridge construction

By ALISON ALOISIO

Building in Newry's Powder Ridge subdivision must come to an indefinite halt, the Planning Board was told last week. And it's uncertain -- at least for now -- what lot owners can do to change that.

Chairman Joe Aloisio told planners that he checked with the Maine Municipal Association regarding the status of the subdivision, because its approval had expired in August.

The development had received approval in 1990 for 99 lots and 88 condominium units. Sixteen condo units and about 40 lots were sold. The remaining lots are still the property of C.B. Cummings Co. of

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ASC posts first quarter loss

By MICHAEL DANIELS

American Skiing Company of Newry posted a loss of \$22.9 million for the first quarter of its current fiscal year, according to an earnings report released last week.

The quarterly report was the first issued since ASC's initial public stock offering of \$260 million last month.

Company officials were quick to point out that the loss was expected and consistent with the seasonal performance of the skiing industry. The report covers the three month period ending Oct. 26, and the \$22.9 million figure compares to a loss of \$10.3 million for the same quarter last year.

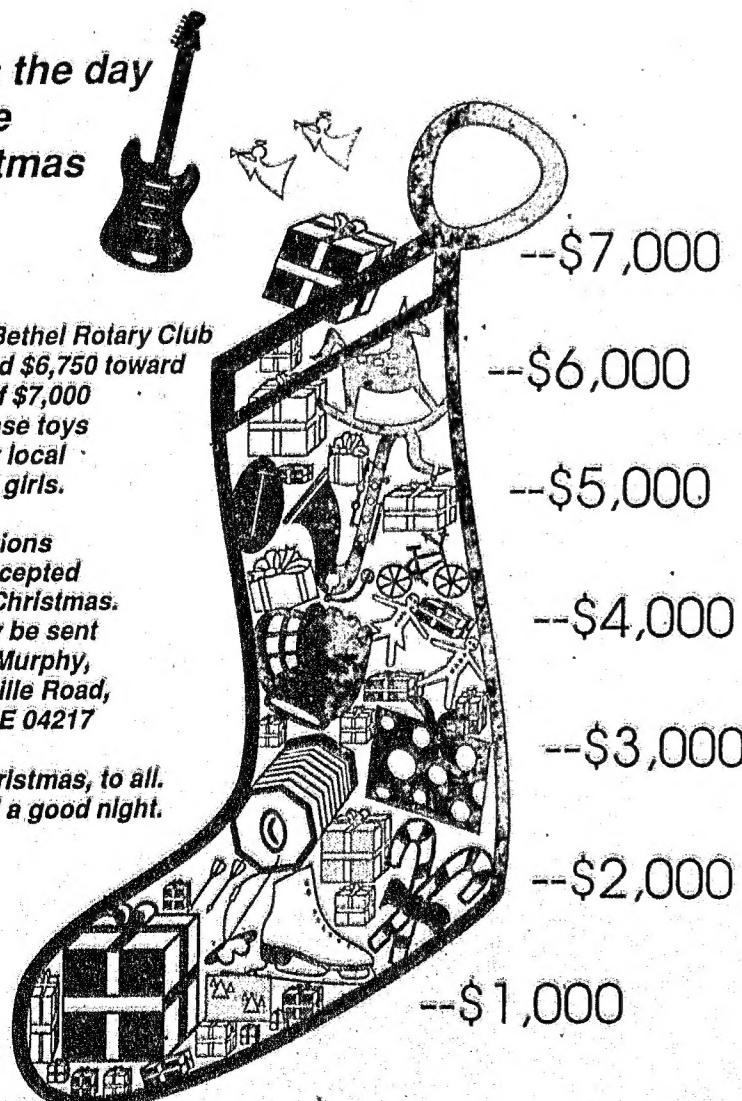
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'Twas the day before Christmas

And the Bethel Rotary Club had raised \$6,750 toward its goal of \$7,000 to purchase toys for needy local boys and girls.

Contributions will be accepted through Christmas. They may be sent to David Murphy, 844 Mayville Road, Bethel, ME 04217

Merry Christmas, to all. And to all a good night.



A TRADITION LIVES ON—More than 100 people turned out Sunday evening for the community's Living Nativity pageant on the Bethel Common. The parts were played by (back, from left) angels Lauren Hansen, Marion Thurston, Megan Tracy, Samantha Largess, and

Caroline Raymond; shepherds Parker Hansen, Andrew Raymond and Parker Thurston. Shepherds in the foreground include Lindsey Hart, Margaret Duplessis and Julie Cross. The Holy Family was portrayed by Sherri and Jim Rose and their son, Noah. (Photo: Daniels)

Otten: delays killed Bethel Station's momentum

By MICHAEL DANIELS

This is the second of a three-part series in which The Citizen chats with American Skiing Company chairman Les Otten about the relationship between his company and the Bethel Area. This week we look primarily at the Bethel Station project.

We asked Otten to reflect back on Bethel Station, where it is now, where it might be going, and what -- with hindsight -- he might have done differently.

He noted the difference in momentum between ASC, which had seen accelerating growth in the past two years, and Bethel Station, which stalled getting out of the blocks and has been at best stumbling along ever since.

"In a period of 22 months, from day of first contacting SKI, which

In the time it took to get the project underway: "the world changed -- a couple of times."

then was publicly traded and owned Killington, our company purchased Killington, Mt. Snow, Sugarloaf and Waterville, endured the trials and tribulations of going through the Justice Department and sold Waterville and Cranmore, found a site in Utah that is potentially the largest site in the United States to build a ski resort on private land, put out \$140 million of public bonds, bought back \$20 million of those bonds. Refinanced with major

banks for a couple of hundred million dollars of low-interest debt, did a \$270 million public offering, bought Heavenly and Steamboat, created the Edge Card program, did the land trade with Killington which was historic from an environmental standpoint -- all that in a 22-month period of time, which is less time than it took Grant Wilson from the time he walked into the Bethel Selectmen to get the go-ahead to lay the first brick of the Bethel Sta-

tion project.

"Looking back in hindsight, it may not be fair to say this, but the process I think was almost three years and in that time the world changed -- a couple of times."

"I haven't talked to Grant Wilson in five or six months, and I don't have a lot of input into that process anymore, but in looking at that timeframe, I fully understand the frustrations that went along with the developers who were trying to build something."

Otten, as he has on other occasions, blamed those crippling delays on resistance to and fear of the project from some businesses and officials in Bethel. He regards the fear as misplaced.

"One of the main reasons why I

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Mountain rescue team ready when the call comes

By ALISON ALOISIO

With more and more people taking to the woods and ski trails of Western Maine, the Bethel area's Mahoosuc Mountain Rescue Team will likely find themselves called upon more often to rescue the lost.

Some of the group were on hand last week to search for three teenage hikers who spent a frigid night on Old Speck in Grafton Notch State Park.

They met the teens as they were hiking out under their own power. Team members administered the first care for the hikers' frostbitten toes.

Fortunately, the teens -- although ill-prepared to spend the night outdoors -- had used what little resources they had wisely, and were able to survive the night and find their way off the mountain.

Members of the team hope other hikers will take a lesson from the young hikers' experience, and educate themselves better before taking to the wilds.

But the group isn't holding their breath waiting for every hiker to take survival training.

They're continuing their own regular training in rescue practices. "My sense is there is more of a need (for such skills)," said Barb Fiore, a team member and Outward Bound instructor. "There are a lot more people going into the woods."

DR. SHAW'S OFFICE

on lower Main Street will be CLOSED for vacation, December 24th through January 4th. For eye injuries, please call 836-2481 or 875-5003

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

Background

The local rescue team been around in one form or another since the mid-1980s. The group formed after several area residents with wilderness training took stock of their combined talents, and decided they had plenty to offer a search and rescue situation.

During that time, the members have lent their services when hikers and skiers have become lost. In recent years, they've been there to search when a skier headed down the wrong side of the mountain at Sunday River Ski Resort, and when a boy wandered off into the woods near the skiway.

About 30 people are currently associated in one way or another with the team, according to president Bob Baribeau of Bethel. But it's a core group of about 15 that have kept the momentum going.

Their combined experience includes climbing in the Andes, the Himalayas, the Alps and the Canadian Rockies. Their ranks include paramedics, outdoor skills instructors and ski patrolers.

Their periodic training includes traveling to Baxter State Park each winter to practice ice climbing, avalanche rescue and transport by litter, among other things.

The group did some training in

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Opposed to the High-stakes Bingo in Albany?
Send your donations to help defray legal costs of the Appeal to:
Albany Improvement Association
P.O. Box 245, Bethel, ME 04217

Off to Alaska Headed north, the race is on -- if they can raise the funds

By ALISON ALOISIO

Suzanne Newsom of Bethel has never been a runner. "It sounded too hard," she said.

But now, Newsom -- joined by friends Jon Starr and Brie Weisman -- is training to run in an Alaska marathon.

Newsom is a lifelong skier, and has worked the past eight summers for Outward Bound, so she's no stranger to physical activity and sports. But running just never had an appeal -- at least, not until she got a letter in the mail asking if she would be interested in doing the Midnight Sun Marathon in Anchorage, Alaska.

The letter came from the Leukemia Society of America, which recruits people to run in the annual June marathon and donate pledges they collect to the society. A minimum of \$3,500 in pledges must be raised. In return, the society pays the basic travel and lodging expenses to Anchorage.

A total of 12,000 runners, cyclists and walkers take part each year. The money raised goes to support research, patient aid, advocacy and education relating to leukemia and related cancers.

The combination of the opportunity to help a good cause, the physical challenge and a chance to see Alaska piqued Newsom's interest.

She mentioned the event to friends -- and runners -- Jon Starr and Brie Weisman.

Weisman, a Georgia native, had run in a marathon in Atlanta in 1990. She's lived in Bethel since 1992.

"I've wanted to do another marathon, but it's hard to motivate yourself to do all the training," she said. So the idea of training with companions was an appealing one.

Starr, originally from Connecticut, has been an Outward Bound instructor for nine years.

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PRACTICE—The Mahoosuc Mountain Rescue Team is always on call to help find lost hikers and skiers. Here, team member Bill Frederick practices lowering a litter in Grafton Notch State Park. The "victim" is team member Lesley Connolly. Other team members include: Bob Baribeau, Landon Fake, David Walker, Barb Fiore, Dan Eliot, Bill Frederick, Maggie Annat, Jeff Newsom, Saranne Taylor, Lorenzo Baker, Dan Kinney, Andy Robidoux Ray Gelger and Paul Marcolini.

November 19, 1959

Ford Drops the Edsel as Automobile Failure

Discontinued car becomes official vehicle of The Millbrook Tavern

"The Millbrook Tavern is making history every night"

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A CLEAR VIOLATION OF THE LAW

To the Editor:
I've just read your piece regarding the information finally released to Attorney Rosenblatt by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in response to his request to them under the Freedom of Information Act. I'm a little behind the curve regarding Bethel news because I subscribe by mail and my work keeps me traveling.

I wanted you to know that your story has it right. Based on my experience with federal and state Freedom of Information Act requirements as a manager of major federal and state agencies (National Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Commissioner of the New Hampshire DOT as well as senior staff positions), the treatment afforded Mr. Rosenblatt was more than shoddy -- it was in clear violation of the requirements of the Act and anybody who caused the information as shown in the article to be blacked out had to have known that they were willfully violating the Freedom of Information Act when they did it.

There are three key questions to be answered at this point. These are:

1. Having proven by their own actions that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is willing to conspire to withhold information, all the while watching Maine state officials and their own applicant deny that which clearly set forth in their own documents, what else are they illegally withholding from the public?
2. Who knew and when did they know it? For instance what information did the Maine LURC have in their possession as they made their initial decision? Would this agreement not have been included? If not, why not? The list could get to be very long, but you get my drift.
3. Will the Maine Congressional Delegation assist the citizens of Maine in getting at least legal treatment from the Bureau of Indian Affairs? Maybe with a little extra effort, they could even try for fair treatment, but protection of basic legal rights would be a good place to start.

The citizens of western Maine have been rocked by having to come to grips with two actions of central government, the gas line and now this, this past year, which illustrate the irrefutable fact that the regulations which in good faith were supposed to protect the citizens soon become co-opted by an unholy alliance between the regulator and the regulated.

Anyone with experience in government knows this but not every one of them thinks it's a bad thing. It is up to the citizens to remind them. Keep up the good work.

Wallace E. Stickney
North Salem, N.H., and Greenwood

IT'S IN OUR HANDS

To the Editor:
Throughout the centuries a few individuals and a very few groups or communities have found themselves in position to determine the future course of history. The communities of Albany and Bethel are in just that position.

It is clear that, with enough opposition, the proposed high stakes gambling hall can be kept out of Albany Township. Somehow destiny has placed our communities in the position of choosing between leading the opposition effort or relenting and allowing the tide of big-money gambling to win out.

Each day the Albany Improvement Association receives one, two or three letters containing checks to help in this effort, as well as offers to assist in other ways. Each of those who make a contribution -- no matter what they can afford -- are becoming a part of history and determining the future vision of western Maine. If this level of support continues, within a month, possibly two, we will reach a united level of strength that will be difficult to overcome -- regardless of the LURC decision.

Please ask of yourself what you are able to give to this community effort -- every dollar and every additional contributor counts. Albany Improvement Association, R.R. 1, Box 2084, North Waterford, Me., 04267.

Dorothy Duddy
President, Albany Improvement Association

THIS WAS MY TOWN ONCE

To the Editor:
I took pride in the way
My Village
Looked like a Norman Rockwell place.
The Village Common
Lit at Christmas
The neighborly discourse
On the street.
This town closes sleepy eyes
Sighs
Heavy like a chest
Filled with defeat.
It wears its faded image
Like a second-hand coat.
Albany, I cry for you
And your vision, lost.
Your tapestry soon to be tarnished
By greed.
Footsteps entrenched
By those who
Rape and recede.
My neighborhood halts
With labored breath
Will a pipeline
Gas us to death?
My town cries
And I
Remember a time so sweet
When the roads I walked
Belonged to me
As they passed
Beneath my feet.

Tricia Chapple
East Bethel Road

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THANKS FROM THE CHIEF

To the Editor:

I would like to take a moment out of everybody's busy holiday schedule to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous, healthy and Happy New Year.

I would like to say a "special thank you" to my true friends. The ones that stood behind me and my family, offering words of encouragement, lending a hand or their help to my family and who checked in on us to say "Hi" or to see if we needed anything. To Brenda Mason and her children, Stephanie Bragden, and Marianne Fifield, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Finally, I would like to say "thank you" to the person(s) that were so kind to toss three or four dozen nails in the end of our driveway. May you too have a Merry Christmas.

Dale C. Bellman, Sr.
Newry

LET CHRISTMAS BE CHRISTMAS

To the Editor:

We've just had Thanksgiving, and we're headed toward Christmas. What a tremendous time for Christmas to share the truth about Jesus Christ and the exciting relationship he offers.

A couple of things have bothered me about this season. Almost everyone celebrates Thanksgiving and admits to being "thankful," yet some give no thanks to God.

Who do they thank? The cook?

Unfortunately, many reach out to a mystical, impersonal, nonexistent force that seems to satisfy their desire to thank someone beyond their understanding.

If only we would look for the obvious. Jesus Christ is the link to eternal life and no one need look any further.

Then there's Christmas. There is no other day or season like it. Goodwill is the norm, and a special spirit is among us.

It is disturbing when people try to change the nature of Christmas and try to create a "Happy Holiday" season. Let Christmas be Christmas.

As Christians, we don't begrudge anyone else's special days. If people choose not to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, so be it. That's their choice. We just ask that the day be acknowledged for what it is, not politicized into some meaningless, feel-good media event.

Remember Jesus is the reason for the season.
Merry Christmas to all.

Jackie Schuester
Bethel

LIVING NATIVITY THANKS

To the Editor:

Your article on Bethel's own Living Nativity (Dec. 18) was both fascinating and timely. Perhaps we should add the title Living History. One can only begin to imagine the many lives that this yearly tradition has affected; as actors or singers or observers. Bethel is fortunate to have a true community event that now has families with multiple generations who have participated.

I have been blessed with the opportunity to be directly involved for the past seven years. Each year it amazes me to see the many volunteers pull together and create such a humble thing of beauty. Over 100 people gave of their time to put it together and several hundred more watched.

It would be difficult to thank all those that helped. However, I did want to specifically mention some people and organizations. Special thanks go to Mary Brown who has been directing the choir for the past 25 years and actually participated in the first performance in 1964. This year she had over 30 singers gathered together in the gazebo. The Rotary Club faithfully erects and stores the scenery every year. The Bethel Inn graciously provides space for all of the players to get dressed and then warmed up with the delicious hot chocolate. Nancy Hansen, with help from many volunteers, organizes the costumes and the Bethel Town Office stores them. The youth groups from the Bethel Alliance and Congregational churches were a great help. Pooh Corner Farm and Llama Farm and Inn and Dottie Boyce provided the animals. Skip Bennett and Riley Hansen each did a great job with their respective tasks of sound and lighting. And finally, the Rose family and all of the players who braved the cold and brought dignity to the recreation of the birth of Jesus.

Carl Hansen
Bethel

BETHEL WINTER FESTIVAL

To the Editor:

For the past seven months or so, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce has been having meetings with L.L. Bean and all Bethel Area's winter recreation providers to plan for the 1st Annual Bethel Winter Festival, scheduled for Jan. 10 and 11. This is actually the eighth consecutive winter that L.L. Bean has been in Bethel, but this year we wanted to try something different.

Enclosed in this week's paper is the Bethel Winter Festival brochure listing events and their locations. Details on exact times can be obtained by calling the chamber at 824-2282, or visiting the office in Bethel Train Station.

Besides the events listed, we will also be offering dog sled rides on Saturday at the Bethel Inn Cross Country Ski Center and Sunday at the Sunday River Inn Cross Country Ski Center. Horse-drawn sleigh rides will be offered both days at the Bethel Inn. We are also exploring different snowmobiling opportunities too. We have been making every attempt to include anyone who would like to be a part of this festival.

One of the primary goals from the beginning has been to make this an affordable event for local residents to participate in. For \$30, adults can learn to ski or ride (snowboard) at Sunday River, learn to telemark ski at Mt. Abram, learn to cross-country ski at the Bethel Inn with L.L. Bean instructors, ice skate, dog sled, take a sleigh ride, go to see a world class juggler at the Summit Hotel, take part in fun snowshoe races at the Sunday River Inn, have a Japanese massage at Carter's Cross Country Ski Center, watch an exciting skiing event at the Bethel Inn on Sunday and much, much more. All equipment is provided at the locations, so there is no cost other than the one registration fee. Children between the ages of seven and 12 pay \$15 for the weekend, and those under the age of seven are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The cost for one day (either Saturday or Sunday) is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate winter and actually get out and experience it. We are fortunate to have sponsorship support from Mead Corporation, L.L. Bean, Shaw's Supermarkets, Poland Spring Water and Oakhurst.

Robin Zinchuk
Executive Director, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Snow on the State House Roof

By MIKE BROWN

The queue line jostling tactics for a slice of Maine's surplus one tax-pie is getting bizarre and brazen.

Recently, House Speaker Elizabeth Mitchell who is term limited this session, but may romp elsewhere in public greenery, personally selected newspaper editors who write opinions, and not reporters who should not, for a snow job tour of the State House. Editors, of course, are seen in the State House about as often as Diogenes who, by the way, believed in the simple life of living in a tub when he wasn't running around with a lantern looking for an honest man.

Anyway, the editors were obviously impressed with their elitist political selectivity snow job and went back to their hot tubs and wrote that the State House was a dump, was falling down, was ugly and just might be condemned. Like they had just seen a flying saucer crash. One depressed editor/columnist even wrote that if the State House, a fixer-upper he called it, doesn't get some refurbishing bucks pronto that This Old House will leave visitors with the impression that the entire state really is like "The Beans of Egypt, Maine."

Mitchell was partisan politicking, of course, for a few new election year on the horizon. What the editors didn't think to ask, or did and didn't write, was how come the State House is in such disastrous disrepair when the Democrats have held the lease keys for decades. And the landlords, the taxpayers, are now just learning that the joint is leaky, weaky and nod.

Well folks, the reason is transient freebie renters who pay not a dime for shelter. They come, they go and This Old House of 1829 weeps in need of maintenance repairs. Legislators over the years, including both Democrats and Republicans, have had the means to fund State House maintenance. It's on the books. It's called the State House Preservation and Maintenance Fund. From its annual general fund appropriation the legislature can set aside \$250,000 a year to a cap of \$1.5 million for just the purpose of the statute. They never have.

Instead, they have used their appropriation to hire more employees, refurbish leadership offices and blow wads of dough on electronic marvels like a \$300,000 scoreboard with just 35 senator's names that blink red or green, yes or no, from seat buttons 15 whisper feet away. The scoreboard can also announce coming baked bean suppers and what's on HBO tonight.

The 50 senators of the U.S. Congress have a roll call voice votes but the Maine Senate now has a pin-

ball machine to keep voting scores of 35 senators. Tilt.

The State House Master Plan for the fixer-upper house of cards would cost an estimated \$17,286,370, according to tour guide Mitchell. For some reason, the legislators haven't been able to pull a little maintenance money out of their \$14 million fleeced budget hat. And, flakes the snow job, the working needs of 180 legislative employees, averaging over \$30.00 in annual compensation, are not being met let alone the comfort of 186 citizen legislators. In teacher/pupil lingo that's called close to one-on-one. Or Camelot.

Included in \$17 mill upgrade is \$3.5 mill for use of the technology including lap top computers for legislators and, better yet, training on how to use them. The Master Plan did not say whether or not members could keep their laptops after losing reelection. Probably they will on precedence because former speaker John Martin kept his desk, chair, credenza, donkey guidon flags, confidential cabinet files and personal voting lists compiled by his staff when he left office.

And with the laptops there will be a need for an acre of Texas longhorn leather to cover new member's desks and chairs to accommodate laptops and storage for all those Windows 98 game disks.

Before any more editors accept invitations for a Humpty Dumpty State House tour, they should realize that legislators not only have had the State House Preservation and Maintenance Fund statute ability to buy paint and plaster but also to amend the law making it dedicated fund mandatory. They never have. Instead, Legislators have been blowing it on senate pinball machines and wadding payrolls.

The Master Plan does not stop at State House portals. The Frisbee pasture in front of the Capitol, uniquely named Capitol Park, will get \$222,965 worth of landscaping including leagues of dog walk stonedust paths in keeping with Frederick Law Olmstead's 1800's landscaping legacy, a paean to the Greens.

Incidentally, I have had a leased closet office in the State House for many years and dutifully pay with my monthly tab of \$11.27 per sq. ft. and have no complaints except perhaps the wicked blasts of hot air emerging from the Senate and House chambers and, of course, the governor's expansive digs. (Veteran newsmen and columnist Mike Brown writes regularly on the Augusta political scene. His views are his own and do not necessarily reflect those of The Citizen.)

OUR BACK PAGES

Compiled by POLLY DAVIS

10 years ago: Developer Malcolm Swasey informed the Bethel Planning Board he planned to construct 40 townhouse condominiums on a 19-acre parcel of land off the Rabbit Road.

Sunday River Skiway Corporation applied to the DEP for a Site Location Permit for construction of 240 condominium units to be called Locke Mountain Townhouses and White Cap Village Condominiums.

Developer Jim Putnam of Marathon Steel announced that Mill Brook Estates' property was for sale (current site of the new Rite Aid facility).

Thieves broke into the Red Top truck stop on Route 2, Bethel, and made off with the safe and other items.

The Backstage Restaurant, Summer Street, Bethel, was opened by owners Chuck and Nancy O'Connell and Alice Stokes and Harry Faulkner.

Births: Keith and Allen Savage, Sarah Gamble.

Marriage: Kelly Boyle and James Hudson.

Deaths: Michael Lurvey, Donald Files.

20 years ago: The Sunday River Ski Club announced the founding of a developmental ski program for the purpose of ski education for Bethel area youngsters.

Hurricane Island Outward Bound School of Rockland, for the second year, planned to use the basement at Sunday River Inn at the beginning and end of each of its winter courses.

Members of B.E.A.R.S., Inc., elected the following officers for the coming year as follows: president, Florence Merrill; first vice president, Don Morin; second vice president, Esther Sweetser; secretary, Muriel Whitney; treasurer, Mary Myers; training officer, John Greenleaf.

Deaths: Maurice E. Roy, Phyllis Hyam.

30 years ago: The Harold Carver farm at Skillingston was heavily damaged by fire of unknown origin (previous owners had been Ernest Buck and Stanley Lord).

Fred Burk was director of the Sunday River Ski School.

William Eames was presented the annual Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award by Gould Academy Headmaster Edward Scheibler.

Ellen Kennett received the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award at Gould Academy.

Marriage: Donna Harmon and Robert Whitaker Jr.

Deaths: James O'Neill, Hilda Crocker.

40 years ago: The Cherub Choir of Bethel Methodist Church, under the direction of Norma Jean Sloan, director; Charlene Swain, assistant; and Linda Paine, organist, was comprised of the following young singers: Jean Robertson, Wanda Tibbetts, Stephanie Faudi, Nancy Chapin, Tommy Davis, Jimmy Perkins, Lloyd Sweetser and Ronald Lothrop.

Sidney Littlefield, a native of Stoneham, and founder of the well-known Littlefield-Wyman Greenhouses specializing in carnation growing in Abington, Mass., celebrated his 100th birthday with a dinner party at his home in North Abington and a large reception at the Baptist Church.

Births: Nancy Melville, Brent Gilbert, Wanda Hamlin.

Marriages: Janet Laws and William Howard.

Deaths: Leroy Holt, Annie Labier, Leslie Abbott, Oliver Lawrence, Olive Tuell, Daniel Ulback.

50 years ago: The cute group of children featured in "Our Citizens of Tomorrow" the past few weeks were: Barbara and Evelyn Mundi, Connie Bean, Lillian and Grace Currier, Stephen Dock, Gregory Glines, Albert Sessions, Nikki McMillin, Barbara Jodrey, Barbara Martin, Clare Hinkley, Wayne Perry, Dennis Wheeler, Stanley Moore, Penny and Peter Davis, Paula Blake, Linda Paine, Wayne Andrews, Sheila Gilbert.

Glendon McAlister was named editor of the 1948 yearbook for Bates College.

Mary Gibbs, a junior and member of the MacFarlane Club and Carillon at Bates College, was soprano soloist at the Danville Church.

Birth: Charles Bargar.

Death: Harry Cohen.

100 years ago: Mary True, a renowned teacher of the deaf and daughter of Dr. True, returned from Bader Nova Scotia, where she was the guest of Alexander Graham Bell and his wife, Mabel, her former student.

W. Stanwood Field was teaching drawing at Gould Academy.

C.A. Lucas began to clean, dye, and press clothing on Church Street.

Lillian True's music class held a recital at Garland Chapel.

Fire was extinguished in the gent's dressing room at Gould Academy by Principal Frank E. Hanscom.

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Briefly

Fire contained at Norway Savings

BETHEL--An early morning fire last Friday damaged the Connecting Rentals office at the Norway Savings Bank building. "Someone left something on a desk and it caught fire," said Fire Chief Jim Young. "The sprinkler system went off over it." About 20 Bethel firefighters spent two hours at the scene. Files and equipment in the office suffered water and smoke damage, he said. The other businesses in the building were able to open for business as usual Friday morning.

Society reaches fundraising goal

GREENWOOD--The Greenwood Historical Society expects to close Jan. 2 on the Donald Bennett home, located next to the society's current building on Route 26. Society members were successful in raising funds totaling \$49,000 to purchase the house and adjoining barns. "We're really pleased," said secretary Joyce Hathaway. "Everyone came forth very well. We got a lot of donations and quite a few (promissory) notes." The society plans to hold its first meeting of 1998 in the home on Jan. 7.

Mt. Abram is open

GREENWOOD--Ski Mt. Abram opened for the season the weekend of Dec. 13, and currently has two lifts and four trails in use. The resort plans to open for night skiing within the week. The ski area will offer its "Race Under the Stars" program -- an eight-week adult business racing league -- beginning Jan. 7.

Town has full contingent of planners

GREENWOOD--Selectmen last week appointed Rodney Wesley, Ed. Cesarek and David Wilson to the Planning Board. The appointments give the board a full membership after several months of having vacant seats. Richard Conant and Ann Holt recently left the board after concluding their terms.

Cable to be studied for Greenwood

GREENWOOD--FrontierVision cable company will study the feasibility of providing cable service to the Rowe Hill, Big Island and Greenwood roads area, following a meeting between selectmen and a company official last week. The company will report back to selectmen within a month.

Taxes may hold steady in Woodstock

WOODSTOCK--Town manager Vern Maxfield said last week he anticipates taxes for the next budget year will stay roughly the same as the current year. Selectmen and Maxfield began discussion last week of a preliminary budget for 1998. He said he expects the town's overall valuation will increase enough so that the 18.82 mill rate will drop, allowing taxes to stay about the same. The town is currently undergoing a revaluation.

Parking ban coming on Lake Street

WOODSTOCK--Selectmen voted Tuesday to place a No Parking sign near the public wharf on Lake Street. The move came at the request of Fire Chief Bill Seames, who said that parked vehicles make it difficult for the department to get to Lake Christopher to pump water in the event of a fire on Main Street. The situation also creates problems with snow removal, he said. The sign will indicate the reason for the ban, with wording such as "No Parking, for fire protection and snow removal purposes."

Driveway to be checked in '98

NEWRY--Planning Board members will review next year conditions they have attached to a waiver granted to Sunday River Ski Resort regarding the new Jordan Grand Hotel's driveway. Planners had voted last month to allow Sunday River to use boulders instead of metal guard rail along the drive. But at a special meeting Dec. 11 to vote on the finding of fact in the matter, the planners also attached conditions requiring guidelines for the size and placement of the boulders, a speed limit, and letters from two engineers concerning the road's safety. The conditions will be reviewed by September of 1998. They were added at the recommendation of code enforcement officer Norm Putnam. The hotel opened last week.

Sunday River loses appeal

NEWRY--Sunday River Ski Resort's appeal of a \$600,000 judgment against it in the case of a Massachusetts man who died in a 1993 skiing accident was rejected Monday in Androscoggin Superior Court. Justice Thomas Delahanty denied the request to overturn the verdict reached by a jury on Nov. 7. The resort will continue its appeal to the Maine Supreme Court. The jury had found Sunday River negligent in not properly marking a hazard on the White Heat trail. Andrew Hansen, 48, of Swampscott, Mass. fell and slid into trees. He died two weeks later from abdominal injuries. The suit was filed by his widow, Christina Hansen.

Supermarketing for seniors

BETHEL--Western Area Agency on Aging invites seniors to attend a presentation on "Supermarket Savvy and Food Safety" by Robin Andrews, at the United Methodist Church in Bethel on Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 10:45 a.m. Lunch will be available following the presentation. Andrews is a registered, licensed dietetic technician and a certified health education instructor. She will talk about menu planning, saving at the grocery store, safe food handling and healthy food choices. For more information or reservations, call 824-3168.

Mt. Washington wind record falls

MT. WASHINGTON--Mt. Washington's claim as the site of the strongest wind gust ever measured -- 231 miles per hour -- has fallen by the wayside. The New Hampshire peak was out blown by a typhoon last week in Guam, where a wind gust of 236 m.p.h. was recorded. Mt. Washington's record was set on April 12, 1934. "After I accepted the fact that it was an accurate number, I guess there was a bit of jealousy," said Mt. Washington observer Clint Chase. "But it's not a big deal. It's not a contest at all. It's about observing nature, observing the extremes of nature and making other people appreciate it." Said observer Sarah Curtis, "I guess we'll just have to try again." The record-breaking Guam gust came three days after the death of the last surviving Mt. Washington observer who was present for the 231 m.p.h. gust, Alexander A. McKenzie, 85.

Warner named tryouts judge

LAKE PLACID, N.Y.--Rumford resident Dan Warner, who is also a cobb at the Sudbury Inn, has been named as a judge for the jumping events, and a race official for cross-country events in the Olympic Tryouts, to be held in Lake Placid Dec. 28 to Jan. 3. The races will determine which athletes will make the Olympics in Nagano, Japan this winter. Warner is a former recipient of the U.S. Skiing Association's Paul Bacon Award, which recognizes the country's best race organizer. He was also the head organizer for the 1992 and 1996 Junior Olympics, 1993 Master's Championships, 1993 National X-Championships, all hosted by the Chisholm Ski Club at Black Mountain in Rumford.

Tire removal begins in Bowdoin

AUGUSTA--Cleanup of Maine's largest used tire stockpile has begun, with Casella T.I.R.E.S. of Eliot under contract to remove up to 2.5 million tires from the 40-acre site in Bowdoin, according to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. As they remove the tires, Casella will also create fire lanes to reduce the environmental and public health risks posed by the pile. Part of the proceeds of a \$5 million bond issue authorized in 1996 will pay for the work.

Powder Ridge

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Norway, the original landowner.

The developer, Glover Development, has since gone out of business, leaving behind two property owners' associations.

The groups have recently made plans to fix the development's deteriorating access road, known as Douglass Road. It hasn't been easy, because they do not have title to the paved road.

Now, to add to that problem, the development must also apparently be considered "unapproved," according to Aloisio, because the August expiration date passed with no request for an extension.

That means no more building permits.

"I was surprised by the (MMA) answer," Aloisio told the board. "I had anticipated that they could no longer expand or sell, but I thought (the lots) could be built upon."

He stressed that the information he had from MMA came from a phone conversation. He plans to ask for an opinion in writing before the town makes any formal notification to property owners.

In October, selectmen and code enforcement officer Norm Putnam took the position that because the approval had expired, no more building permits should be issued for the lots until the subdivision's status was clarified and the roads in Powder Ridge meet town standards. That, in part, prompted the effort to fix Douglass Road.

What's next?

If the subdivision is now considered "dead," Putnam told planners

last week, any reapplication for approval must now meet the current ordinance requirements -- and they are more stringent than the ones in effect at the time of the original approval.

For instance, road gradients are now required to be lower than in earlier years.

Planner David Walker speculated on how property owners might react to the news that the lapsed subdivision approval may now leave them in limbo indefinitely.

"If I bought a parcel in 1991 -- when it was up to code -- then sat on the lot, then go to build and am told things are out of compliance, I would be quite upset," he said.

Planner Art Marshall asked what recourse an individual homeowner might have. Aloisio said in theory, recourse would be with the developer.

But, said Marshall, "the developer is bankrupt and out of business. It's a Catch 22. Nobody has any recourse."

Aloisio was asked later if it would be necessary -- or possible -- for the owners' associations to apply for a new approval as a subdivision.

"I don't know the scope of what needs to be done," Aloisio said. "We're going to check further with MMA."

Board member Norm Davis told his fellow-planners he knew what he would do -- at least for now -- if he owned a lot.

"I'd ask for a reduction in taxes," he said.

(The reporter is married to Planning Board chairman Joe Aloisio.)

From the Bethel Police log:

Sophisticated scam fails to fool clerk

At 2:32 p.m. on Dec. 17 a convenience store clerk called to report a subject had entered the store and tried to purchase beer. She asked him for an ID, knowing he was under 21. He produced a Maine driver's license issued to another subject, whom the clerk also knew. She refused the sale. Police planned to summon the subject.

Thursday, Dec. 18

At 12:45 a.m. a subject was stopped on Route 2 for failure to dim headlights and vehicle defects. A license check showed there was a warrant for his arrest from the York County Sheriff's Office for failure to pay a fine. Roy E. Pierce Jr., 30, of Bethel, was arrested, taken to the Oxford County Jail, and held in lieu of bail.

Friday, Dec. 19

At 5 p.m. a caller reported her daughter was traveling west on the East Bethel Road when her vehicle struck a boulder in the road, crushing the transmission pan. The complainant was advised to obtain an estimate of damage, and to notify police if it exceeded \$500.

Saturday, Dec. 20

At 1:25 a.m. police received a report from the Sheriff's Office of a suspicious vehicle on the Flat Road. It was then reported to be on Route 2, where police located and stopped it. There was an odor of liquor, and when a passenger in the vehicle was asked to get out, she dropped a beer bottle on the ground. A search of the vehicle showed no further signs of alcohol. The driver, a juvenile, was summoned for transporting alcohol. The passenger, Jessica Perry, 20, of Bethel was summoned for possession of alcohol by a minor. The alcohol was dumped at the scene and all the subjects were released. The driver denied knowledge of alcohol in the vehicle.

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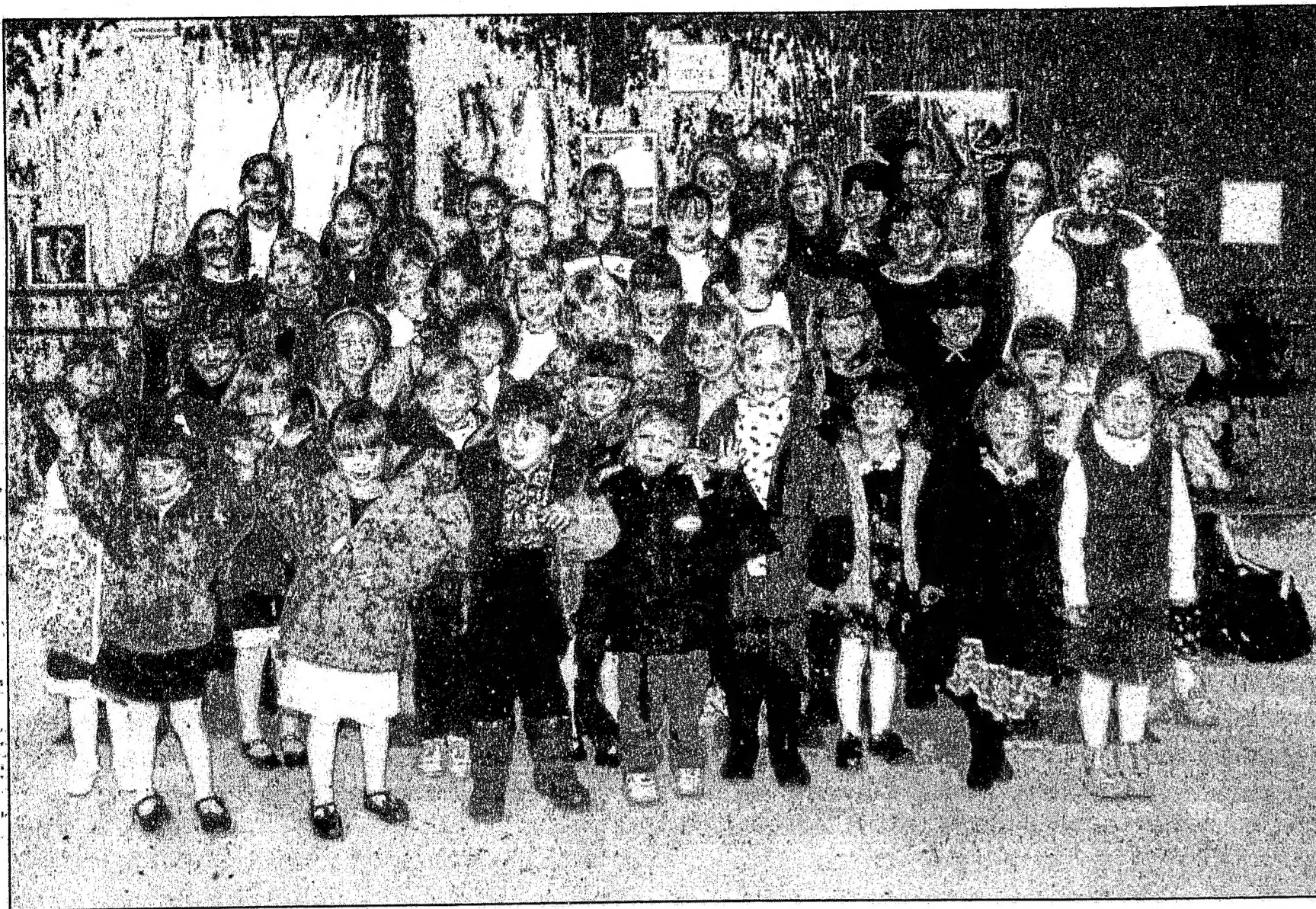
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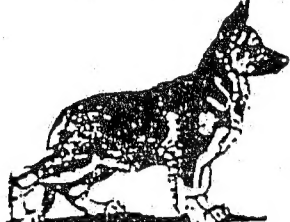
On Monday, Sept. 22, the Spring Street Dance Theater of Bethel made their 35 annual visit to Ledgeview Nursing Home. Susan Farrar, director, Maryanne Jordan, overall supervisor, and dance instructors, Sheri Wilson, Bonny Marshall and Michelle Varoulo, along with the help of back stage parents, sang, danced and presented their handmade Christmas cards to the Ledgeview guests. The following students participated: Dusty Bailey, Lyndsey Merrill, Lacey Landry, Kallie Brown, Naomi Ellsworth, Alyssa Carlisle, Jessica Ladd, Mason Mills, Kayla Merrill, Ashley Swan, Mariah Bundy, Rachel Berryment, Hannah Morin, Trista Morin, Felicia Dumont, Marian Thurston, Megan Trefethan, Carin Donachie, Lisa O'Jeda, Jonathan Parsons, Katie Smith, Kami Marois, Nicole Hughes, Marty Donovan, Katie Caddigan, Louise Abarno, Martha Grover, Heather Jordan, Hope Abarno, Chelsey Bartlett, Amy Green, Emily Parsons, Carrie Rolfe, Neil Rier, Jill Angevine, Abbie Bean, Darci Buker, Kim Tibbetts, Toki Inaba, Jaime Caron, Shanna Walker, Amanda Jordan, Maria Cornwall, Angie Buker, Mandy Berry, Erin Riley, MaryAnne Lowe, Jaime Grover, Jaime Johnson, Tiffany Jordan, Patrycja Blotchut, Dana Rae Wilson, Charlotte, Brink, Kami Marois, Stephanie Bennett, Megan Smith, Megan Bailey, Amy Gaidis, Jillian Cole, Kristy Skalski, Drew Ayotte, Shaonna Young, Jaqui Wheeler, Faith Verrill, Michelle Deegan, Laura Pivin, Candace Berryment, Katie Driscoll, Chloe Bergman-Ray, Samantha Largess, Tara Cowin, Eva Thornton. Some of the students were not present when the picture was taken.

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Marathon

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He's a graduate of the University of Maine at Orono, ran a lot in college and at one point began training for a marathon.

"I tried to train, but my studies crushed it," he said. "I've always wanted to do one, and this was a great incentive."

The three attended a Leukemia Society informational meeting in Portland last month, learned they would get coaching and support through the society, and decided to go for it.

Newsom and Weisman, like many participants in the event, will run in honor of a leukemia patient -- a 12-year-old Maine boy named Justin.

Weisman and Starr haven't started formal training yet. Weisman, for instance plans to cross-country ski for a while, then begin running in late winter.

Newsome, as the fledgling runner in the group, has started jogging. She's finding out she was right -- it isn't easy.

"I get out there and sometimes I don't feel very good," she said. "But then I think, 'Justin probably feels worse.'"

The trio thinks of themselves as a team -- both emotionally and financially. They're looking at a goal of raising a combined \$10,500 to meet their individual pledge requirements.

That makes the fundraising a

marathon of sorts in itself. "We plan to go to community people and businesses," said Newsome.

If "Team Bethel," as they call themselves, succeeds in raising the

funds, Newsome and Weisman will run the June 20 race wearing bracelets with Justin's name on them.

"If we feel tired, we'll hold up our

hand and look at the bracelet," said Weisman.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the runners' cause may contact Newsom at 824-4575.



FROM ONE SOLSTICE TO ANOTHER--"Team Bethel" runners (from left) Brie Weisman, Suzanne Newsom, and Jon Starr have started light training in preparation to run the Midnight Sun Marathon in Anchorage, Alaska, on June 20 -- the summer solstice. On Sunday -- the winter solstice -- they were out jogging on Paradise Road in Bethel. (Photo by Alison Aloisio)

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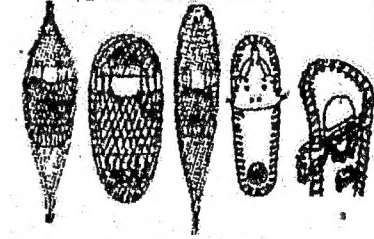
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Bethel Station

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was promoting Bethel Station was that I looked at the business I was running, and realized that Bethel was getting very little benefit from the huge amount of commerce and traffic that was driving right past town and coming up here.

"Per capita there was less spending off-mountain by our skiers -- by a significant percentage -- than there was at any other resorts we were familiar with.

"It's not as though our skiers were incapable of spending, it's that there weren't the opportunities. There weren't good dining opportunities, there weren't enough shopping opportunities. They didn't exist. And sometimes it's mass that creates the opportunity.

"It was very clear to me then and now that the current core of retail as it exists in Bethel is inadequate. It's not inadequate because there's anything wrong with anybody's individual business. It's inadequate because it doesn't have a mass, a signature point, it doesn't have any energy."

But many in Bethel, he said, did not see the pie as growable, and they worried that dollars spent in Bethel Station would be dollars not spent elsewhere in town.

"You get a single business that says: 'How can somebody else build another business when I'm starving?' 'How can we possibly let someone else build a new one -- they're going to take some of what I already have?'"

"But that was never the purpose of Bethel Station. It was to create a mass, a place where people would go and stop and spend some time and eat sleep and shop and have a sense of community.

"The altruistic goal we had for the Bethel Station was to consolidate growth so you wouldn't get a strip mall and that you could create a shopping area that could link itself up to old Main Street, that could

have contiguous business entities and a situation where you've got a growing town and a growing business, which we were, outside that community.

"As a team we worked very hard to try to create that, but the timeline of almost three years sort of dried up the money, and the enthusiasm, and the interest."

Post office blow

As an example of the town's resistance, Otten cited the public pressure that forced the U.S. Postal Service to abandon its plan to relocate the Bethel Post Office to the Mechanic Street extension in Bethel Station.

That public pressure, as Otten sees it, was driven by the misplaced fear that if the post office were to move the remaining businesses on Main Street would suffer.

"But I don't believe that for a minute, I think that the biggest mistake that was made was (the town) saying: 'Well, we're not going to allow this thing to get started.'"

With the post office remaining in its present location, Otten argued, both it and the local grocery store would remain hobbled by their location -- and be unable to generate the critical mass envisioned for Bethel by the planners of Bethel Station.

"I think the single largest end blow to the project was when the post office was forced to divide and conquer. Now we've got two post offices, one around the corner here, and one up the street in Bethel.

"In effect, you've taken the traffic of a number of people headed to one location and divided it in half. You've essentially taken all of the Sunday River people, and there's hundreds of us up here, and you've taken them out of Bethel and put them in an isolated spot and further isolated the post office in Bethel.

And how is the IGA going to expand? Where are the parking spaces going to come from?"

With the town's potential customer base spread out and diluted, rather than focused, Otten argued, sprawl is inevitable.

"Bethel Station was created in order to try to mass energy, shopping and retail in one spot so that you could park your car, walk around and be part of the Bethel village.

"Unless we find a way of getting that energy back into the project, we're going to end up with strip development in Bethel. Businesses will locate -- as they are already starting to -- in that sort of old model that nobody ever wanted."

Train to nowhere

The post office was not the only thing that failed to arrive in Bethel Station -- neither did the train from Boston.

Because of the refusal of Guilford Industries to allow Amtrak to run from Boston to Portland, Otten said, his company's decision to run a ski train from Portland ended up being "a \$750,000 mistake."

"Living through that period and watching (Guilford) block train service, that killed another major piece of the energy, because we couldn't take people from Boston and New York and Washington and get them here by train.

"The energy and enthusiasm for it were great, but here we're sitting four years out into the process and we still don't have a train running up from Boston."

Again, he argued, it didn't have to be that way.

"The city of Rutland (Vt.) and Killington, starting in June of 1996, made a deal with AMTRAK and Penn Station -- got the bullet train to run from Washington to Penn Station and got the Penn Station train to meet it and go up to Vermont," he said.

"Now seven days a week in the

wintertime, and almost as many days in the summertime, the train goes up to Rutland. And it only took six months."

"It's great in keeping cars off the road -- which helps keep the NOx (nitrogen oxide) fumes down. And it's a great party, and it runs and it works."

We asked if Otten felt the missing Boston link would ever materialize.

"I think it's going to happen," he said, "but we may be talking about another three or four years before everybody gets out of their own way."

"As simple as it is, it's extraordinarily fraught with political considerations that have nothing at all to do with passengers riding a train."

Until the train, and more businesses, appear, Otten said, it would be useful if people kept Bethel Station in perspective.

Despite the dirt piles (he's heard the complaints), "everybody should take a moment, close their eyes, remember what was on that site, then look at it today," he said.

"And, hopefully, over the next few years we'll find a way of getting some energy back into Bethel Station, while at the same time building our synergy with the people and businesses of Bethel."

Next week Otten will discuss some of the changes he has seen over the years in the relationship between Sunday River/ASC and the Bethel area, and describe his vision for the future.

ASC

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"It's the normal thing every year," said ASC's chief financial officer, Tom Richardson. "It seems a little larger than last year, but that's because the operation is larger."

Also contributing to this year's loss was a \$14.2 million charge-off for stock options granted to certain members of senior management, Richardson said.

The loss is expected to be turned around as the ski season builds. The season began with a strong Thanksgiving, he said, and early booking at ASC resorts are running ahead of last year.

Rescue

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Mt. Washington's Huntington Ravine just a few days before the Grafton search.

"I think we're viewed by the warden service and MASR (Maine Association of Search and Rescue) as the most technical team out there," says member Bill Frederick, who is also an Outward Bound instructor.

In most situations, said Frederick, it's basic search skills that are needed, rather than technical climbing skills. "It's 99 percent going out and looking," he said.

Still, it's reassuring to know the talent is there if needed.

Baribeau said the potential to help someone is the reason most of the members joined the team.

He was there on the trail in Grafton when the teen hikers met up with the Mahosuc team -- and the hikers realized they were home safe.

"It was very satisfying," said Baribeau.

Warden Sgt. Don Gray of Newry, who also took part in the search effort for the lost teens last week, said his agency appreciates the help from the team.

In the past, the warden service did its own mountain rescue training, but the program was discontinued. Now, they rely on groups like Mahosuc. "They have expertise we don't," Gray said. "They're tops."

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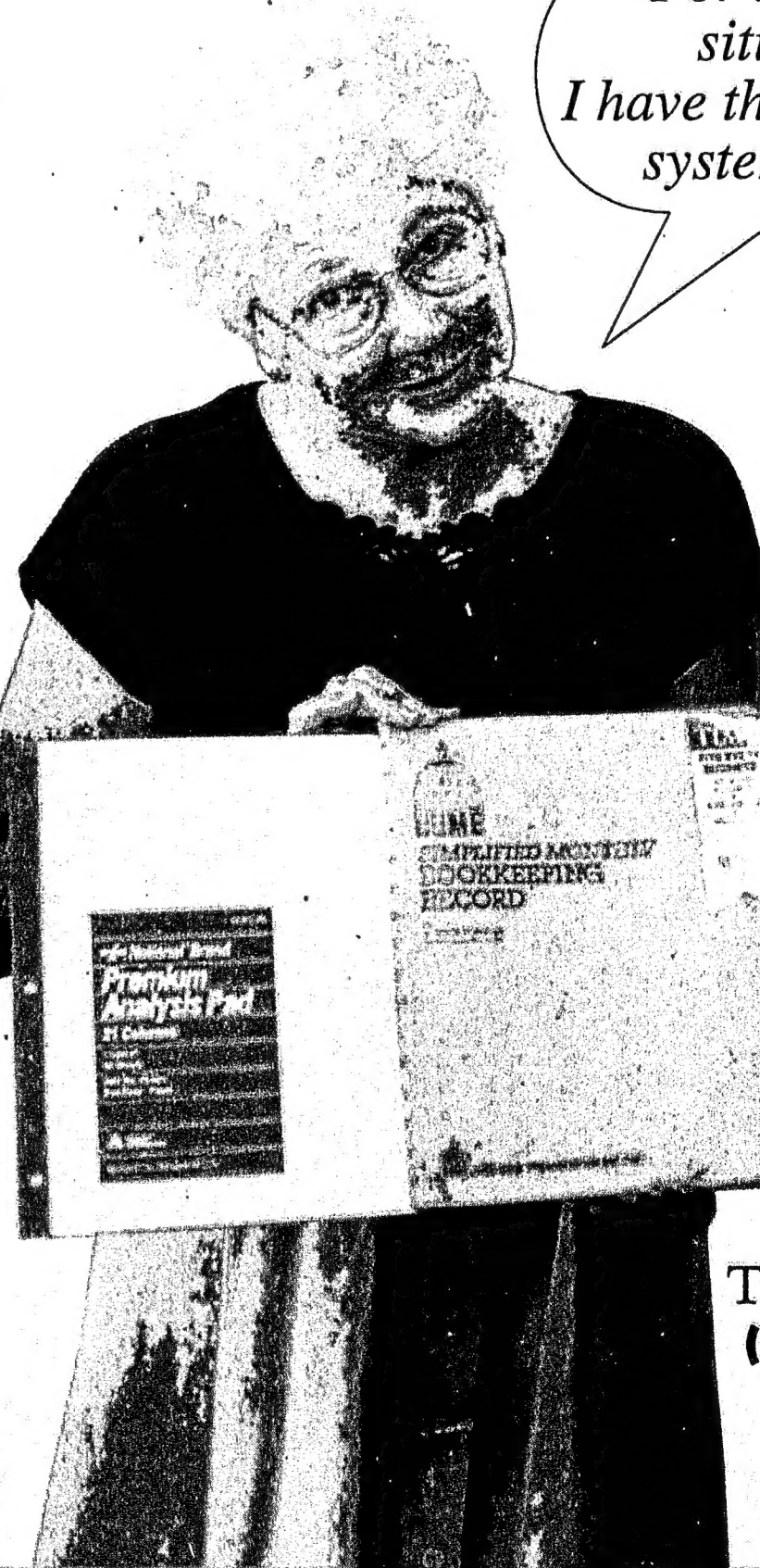
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Attention. Please. We need you to call us when you have news items. Our purpose is to make this an interesting column to a lot of people.

Tom and Rebecca Zicarelli and sons have moved into their new home on Mason Street and are happy to be in the neighborhood.

Julia and Faith Brown attended the wedding on Dec. 20 of their grand-daughter/niece, Leslie Bennett and Michael Greenberg, in Northfield, Vt. Leslie graduated from Union College and is a science teacher at Einstein High School in Silver Springs, Md. Michael graduated from Union College and Franklin Diera Law and is an attorney at law in his own firm in Silver Springs, Md.

A beautiful program "Yule Fiest" was held at Gould Academy, Friday, with Paul Nelson director.

The Children's Concert K-5th grade was held Nov. 25, directed by elementary music teacher, Linda Stowell. A wonderful program with a full theme. At the Rotary Christmas Dinner for Senior Citizens the chorus from Crescent Park School consisting of fourth and fifth graders entertained with singing.

Elise and Sarah Keniston of Turner visited grandparents Bob and Ginny Keniston on the weekend.

Gene Baker and friend of Graton, Conn. were guests of his grandparents, Irving and Hilda Brown, this week for couple days.

Bethel House

By Ruth Cummings

Many thanks to the Bethel Rotary Club for the lovely Christmas dinner for senior citizens at the Locke Mills Legion Hall on Dec. 16. Thanks to the children of Crescent Park School who entertained us by singing Christmas Carols. To the Telstar Middle School children for their part of the entertainments, also for the bookmarks. My special thanks to Josh Morgan for my bookmark.

Among those attending the dinner were Dick and Lyndell Carter, Lindley and Pauling Wieden, Edna York, Irene Russell, Margaret Quinlan, Florence Merrill, Shirley Lowell, Raymond Swan, Everett Cole and Ruth Cummings.

Brownie Troops #155 and 569 were at the Bethel House and other places in town singing Christmas Carols on Tuesday evening. Many thanks to them.

Rodney Hanscom visited his sister Amy Hanscom at the Rumford Community Home last Friday. Vada Glover of Rumford and Ruth Cummings had dinner with Amy Hanscom at the Rumford Community Home on Dec. 19.

Cathy Newell and Ruth Cummings went shopping at Ames and Shop and Save last Saturday and then visited Amy Hanscom at the Rumford Community Home.

Nancy and Sonny Cummings entertained at a Christmas dinner and tree at their home on the Sunday River Road on Dec. 20. Those present as guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cummings, Jordan, Abbie and Michaela, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Buker, Darcie and Darren and Ruth Cummings.

Some from the Bethel Alliance Church and other towns people were singing Christmas Carols about town the evening of Dec. 20.

Bruce Cummings of Anchorage, Alaska called home the evening of Dec. 20 when so many family members were there and everyone had a chance to talk with him. He said they had about two feet of snow there and that at the time of his call the temperature was in the 20s.

Bud and Beverlee Waterhouse called on Helena Bartlett last Saturday. They told her that Buds mother is doing fine now. She misses Bethel but is much happier now with her daughter Doris than when she went down in October.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hanscom Sr. had a family gathering at their home on 85 Intervale Road on Sunday, Dec. 21. A potluck dinner and exchange of gifts was enjoyed by the following, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hanscom, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hanscom, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bragdon, Denise and Keith Walley, Mr. David J. Hanscom, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole, Emma and Megan, Mr. and Mrs. David T. Hanscom, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hanscom, Jay, Adam, Eric and Kelsie, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Walley, Mrs. Elizabeth Morse and Mrs. Ruth Cummings. Gailey Wheeler and Mitzi Hutchinson came later in the day.

North Newry

by Gil Seeley

The little Newry Community Church in the valley was the scene of a Glorious Gathering Sunday morning Dec. 14 at 9 a.m. with Pastor Rodney Hanscom at the pulpit, and daughter Nancy at the organ. Young Jay Hanscom opened the service with a prelude from Jer. 23:5 "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous branch, and a king shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth."

There was a Christmas prayer by Sylvia Wight, stories in words by Gwen Wight and daughter Susan Bowe, songs by Kathie Hanscom and daughter Nancy at the piano, more scripture readings and hymns, and a special by Gil Seeley "Love one another" and a quiz about spiritual love from the bible. Carols and more hymns. Coffee and goodies were enjoyed afterwards, and cards and gifts were passed around. The Church will be closed for the winter until further notice.

Karlene Bachelder, Gil Seeley, Eleanor Davis and Bea Lowell were at the Oxford lanes in Rumford one day last week to do some bowling for fun. On the over all scores, Gil was high on the singles and triples, But, on the first string she beat Karlene by only one pin. On the second string she beat Karlene by three pins. But on the third string, Karlene beat Gil by one pin. So on the over all, it was a victory by Gil with only three pins. Karlene had four spares and one strike, Gil two spares and Eleanor one strike and one spare. All went to lunch and did some shopping.

Christmas is coming, Christmas is coming. "O little town of Bethlehem." How still we see thee lie. Above thy deep and dreaming sleep, the silent stars go by, yet in thy dark street shineth, the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years, are met in thee, tonight.

I received a lovely Christmas basket from the Church of Nazarene, via Bonnie Learned, last week, thank you so much for being so kind. May God bless you all.

Bryant Pond

by Alice Hoyt

Philip House now has his second tape ready to sell it may be purchased from Bessie and Bunk House.

Mary Billing has given the Historical Society a book on house plants and Larry Billings has given a book on flower gardens and a rare onyx necklace and another ornately decorated necklace. The Historical Society studies Woodstock History. It recalls such former glories as the opera house, the old hotel, Dearborns Grove, and the Summer Music Camp. It honors citizens like Governor Perham, Mrs. Hayes, George Allen England, and the Rev. Kinsman. It recognizes the contributions of



KICKIN' IN FOR KIDS—Kathleen Devore of Cambridge, Mass., a regular visitor to the area, makes her contribution to Bethel's Christmas for Kids fund drive, as Rotarians Walter Hatch and Steve Wight look on. Crescent Park School third-grader Marya Brooks, along with a dozen other student council members, helped with the collection duties Saturday, in the process raising more than \$1,000 for needy local kids. (Photo by Michael Daniels)

hundreds of average people to the development of the community. It looks forward to further achievements in the future. Historical Society members enjoyed a pot luck supper and Christmas party at the December meeting. For the Christmas Basket there will be drawing two baskets and a lap robe. Thanks to all who contributed to make this a success. The Society decided to buy a Christmas tree to use from year to year. Everyone enjoyed their presents and cards, so the mood was festive. The next meeting will be on Androscoggin Home Health Care.

Franklin Grange 124 met on Monday, Dec. 15 with 20 people present. An open meeting was held and enjoyed by all. Opening thought by Bertha Benoit "You are never alone God is there"; opening song by all "Joy to the World"; The Christmas Story by Bertha; Song "It came upon a midnight

clear"; music by The Bedards, Richard Felt, Dot Carwell, Johnny Howe and Bertha Benoit; reading "An old Fashioned Christmas by Anna Awan; song Silent Night; Christmas Hope by Olive Risko; Song "Oh Come All Ye Faithful"; country Christmas by Russell Yates; exchange of gifts, mystery march, more music and songs than closing thought by Bertha Benoit. Next meeting Jan. 19 will start with a 6:30 p.m. supper and program "New Beginnings." The meeting will be held down stairs in the Jr. Hall.

At the December Historical Society Earl Noyes gave the research committee report. Elsie Bennett donated a picture. Much thanks, also Annie Crockett supplied money for the meat for one Christmas basket. All the members donated items to fill the basket. Helvi Cary decorated them, and Cecile Leseault handled the tickets. President Barbara Hathaway brought a small Christmas tree for the evening. These are just some of the ways everyone in the Society contributes to its success. Also, treasurer Paul Billings was recently busy transferring funds and checking on insurance.

Fourteen members attended the extension Christmas party on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Alice Hoyt. A fun time was had by all.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Andover



by Karen McKay

The Calvary Congregational Church is holding a New Year's Eve Service to be held

on Wednesday evening, Dec. 24, from 9 p.m. until midnight. There will be singing, testimonies, fellowship, a video, chowders and other "eats." All are invited to join them in "praying out the old year and praying in the new."

The town is holding a public hearing on Jan. 6 to review items prior to the annual Town Meeting. The hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the town hall. Topics to be discussed include the Town Hall clock repair, handicap ramps, prepayment of taxes, cemetery repair, land purchase request, cemetery land request, new equipment purchase, and the East Andover Firehouse.

The Library's Teen Group enjoyed caroling around town last week. Belinda and Peter Poor drove the group on a trailer. Wendy Green led the singing. The carolers left cookies and cards at the stops, the group later warmed up at Joyce Frazier's home where they enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies.

An adult book club has been formed by the library. The group's reading "theme" this season is "Justice." The books in this theme series are "Storm Center, The Supreme Court in American Politics" by David M. O'Brien, "The Strange Career of Jim Crow" by C. Vann Woodward, "Make No Law, The Sullivan Case and the First Amendment" by Anthony Lewis, and "Justice at War, The Story of the Japanese American Internment Cases" by Peter Irons. The books are at the library for those interested in joining in on the reading. The group will meet again at the home of Bob and Lida Iles on Jan. 29 at 7 p.m.

Karen McKay was the winner of the library's Gingerbread House raffle. Penny Poor decorated the beautiful house and setting. Thanks to the Teen's Group for their help in ticket sales.

The elementary school announced the honor roll for the first term. Fourth Grade: High Honors -- Cindy Farrington; Honors -- Blake Conrad, Stephen Scotti and Jessica Farrington. Fifth Grade: High Honors -- Joshua Longway and Frank Emerson; Honors -- Lacey Gammon, Michael Brown, Clayton Smith and Thomas Scotti. Sixth Grade: High Honors -- Lindsey Farrington; Honors -- Erin Farrington, Ashley Stambolis, Peter Poor and Ben Bailey. Congratulations to all.

Those students with perfect attendance for the first term include: Kindergarten -- Ethan Damon, Matthew Hall and Carl Zurhorst; First Grade -- Michelle Andexler, Deagan Conrad, Candace Hall, Lindsey Milligan and Debbie Dolloff; Second Grade -- Mark Emerson, John Farrington and Esther Pew; Third Grade -- Joseline Belanger, Benjamin French, Cassandra Gannon, Jennifer Learned, Samantha Blood, Nicholas Hammond, Abby Mills and Tonia Morin; Fourth Grade -- Sherry Downs, Cynthia Farrington,

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Stephen Scotti, Daniel Chenery and Blake Conrad; Fifth Grade -- Michael Brown, Alexa Burgi, Lacey Gammon, Joshua Longway and Jessica Morin; Sixth Grade -- Peter Poor, Robert Merrill, Lindsey Farrington and Emily Clifford. Great job.

Toby and Chris Farrington and daughter, Sarah, age two, enjoyed several weeks visit with his mother, Margaret Farrington. While here they visited with family and friends and celebrated Thanksgiving. Toby is enlisted in the Navy, stationed in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Dorothy Hutchins, who passed away this week in a Farmington nursing home. She was a member of the East Andover community most of her life.

Hoping everyone enjoys the holidays and celebration of the new year. Please call with news of your travel, activities and guests, leave a message at 392-4031 or fax me at 392-1152.

East Stoneham



by Eleanor Nelson
Hi readers. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas. Life is what you make it is my motto also be prepared. Anyway here is what I have for this week.

Helen Edmund's of Norway and Anna Wadsworth of Mechanic Falls visited with Ed and Lois Nima one day recently.

On Tuesday, Dec. 16, Frances Grant and myself visited with our cousin, Wilma Taylor, at Center Lovell. We had a good visit and cup of coffee with her. Her house is so pretty all decorated inside and out. Rita does a great job.

The 21st is the first day of winter. Can you believe it. I finally dug the heavy winter coat and glove out. The lakes are frozen over now but not time for all those fish houses yet nor people. Please everybody stay off the ice until we have lots of below zero weather and then be careful.

Bob Millett has been working for Albert Nelson, Sr. this week sawing wood.

Phyllis Adams and Lois Beau-doin are at home now after spending some time in Florida driving down with Brenda Wilet and flying back. They went to Disney World and the huge flea market there in Daytona also the New Daytona



CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN SCORES BIG—The Telstar Boys' basketball team raised \$800 for the Bethel Rotary Club's Christmas for Children fund in a Shoot-a-thon Dec. 12. The players gathered pledges per shot, or a flat sum pledge. Dan Zinchuk raised the most money individually, with \$160. Will Seames made 92 of 100 shots. Here, co-captains Jason Mullen (left) and Alan Russell (right) present a check to fund chairman David Murphy. (Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Oprey. This was Lois's first plane ride and she loved it. They had a great time.

Molly Nelson tended nine horses a few weeks ago at the farm for Dianne Leighton while Dianne attended a conference in Texas. This was a lot of work but Molly didn't mind as she loves horses.

Matthew Nelson was awarded a Star rank in the scouts last week from troop 155. He also thanks everyone who bought popcorn from him, this year.

Dale Nelson hiked up Mt. Hayes in Shelburn, NH. recently and found about three feet of snow there at the top.

I was pleased to learn that Joel Barker who attends the Mol-

lyokett Middle School, was one of the students who were selected through audition to be in the district II honors music festival in Auburn in February 1998. Joel plays the trumpet.

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East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer

Dorothy Bartlett and Clayton Bartlett were in Lawton, Okla. the first of the month to visit Clayton's brother, Zencis.

Rumor has it that there is another natural gas company coming, North Atlantic. With this company, another gas pipeline.

C.N.A.P.'s appeal was refused. I don't know about Portland Pipeline Corp's or C.M.P.'s. There is one more step to be taken, but C.N.A.P. needs financial help. The group realizes nobody on the East Bethel and Middle Intervals Roads are made of money, ever pennies help.

John and Nancy Haines with children, Beth Ann and Joey; George and Charlene Haines with children, Lisa and Jim; and Nancy Mercer had a lovely Christmas dinner at Peter Haines and our family tree on Dec. 21.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Greenwood City



by Colista Morgan

As I went to my porch tonight, I was struck as always by the strange iridescence of the hills under the brightness of the moon. Patch mountain glowed from the slopes with ridges of trees dark on the sky. All the hills shone as if each had a light of its own. There was a sheen richer than the moonlight. Those hills have a special kind of beauty that we have here in the valley we know as well.

The next afternoon there was a cool northwest wind with clouds rolling and tumbling about the sky, but still plenty of sunshine. The December winds seemed as always, in a hurry. Even the mountains seemed to hunch as they met it face on.

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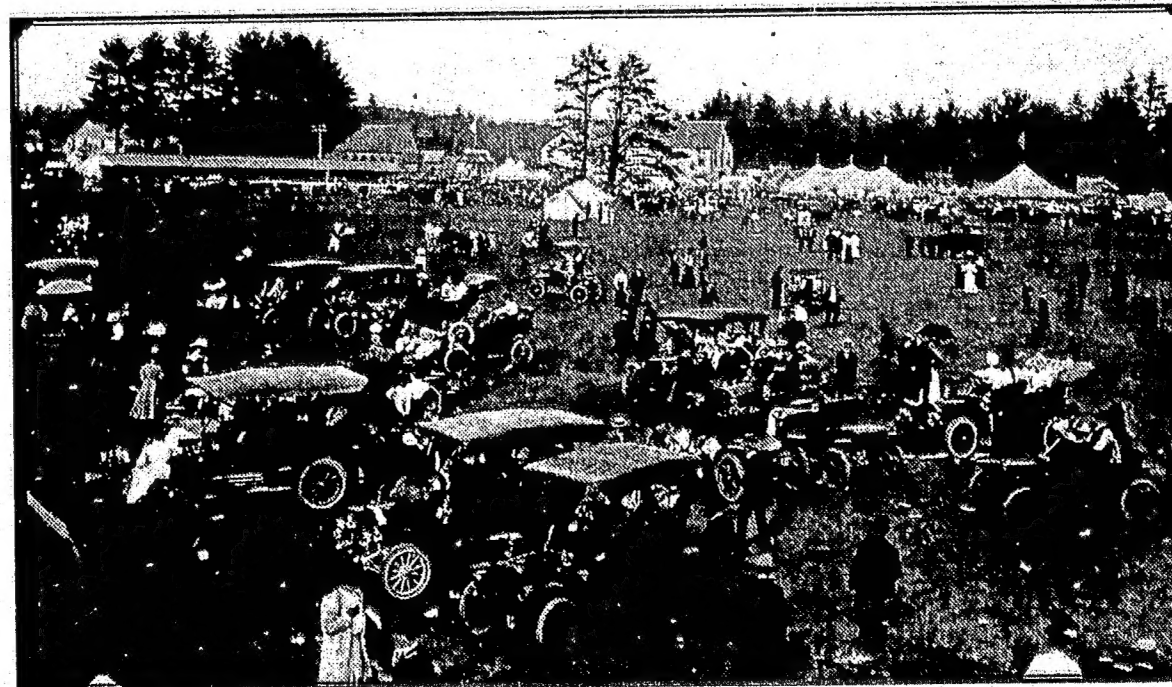


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The hills sparkled in the sun light. I heard the startling sound of wings as a partridge shot away through tree branches.

I could hear the sound of woodsmen at work across the pond. I faced into the wind to go home.

"I love to see the autumn come and touch the wooded hills. All time has stopped to greet. This moment of bright splendor, when fall and winter meet."

Everyone in busy, busy with the coming of Christmas Day.

My nephew, Dale and wife, Marcia from North Haven came to visit with me over the weekend. It's a long trip and they were tired.

The hunters report seeing many tracks of deer and bear but they got very few from here.

Lee Betts was a visitor at Dot Betts' on Sunday.

Children visited their mother, Rena Curtis, over the weekend.

High Street



West Paris

by Russell Yates
Howdy friends, this Tuesday morning is a little warmer than yesterday and I was glad of it. I

don't much like that real frigid weather anymore.

Last Monday we spent much of the day in Lewiston and Auburn. This was time for us to have our eyes checked at Dr. Rynne's and to get new glasses, if we needed them. Thankfully neither one of us had to have lenses changed at this time, but they want to check Peggy's eyes again in six months.

While in the city, we done a lot of looking in several different stores, and bought a little. We visited our niece, Wynona Woolfe, in

Auburn for a short time, while we were down that way.

We were downtown again on Tuesday, as I needed to have a Prothrombin blood test, and we needed to pick up the meat at H and E Meat Processing that we had left earlier to have it ground into hamburger. We had intended to pick it up yesterday, when we returned from Lewiston, but had forgotten it. It seems like in the our older age, our forgetter works better than our remembered does.

That afternoon, Peggy took her car up to Heath's Garage in Woodstock, to have them check the windshield washer as it didn't seem to want to work.

Just for a change, we stayed home last Wednesday, catching up on some of the odd jobs here that needed doing.

To any of you good people out there that knew Doris Hayes, who used to live on the back side of Hayes Hill, there near Greenwood City, she had a birthday on Wednesday, Dec. 10, and I believe that she is 91 years old. She is in a Nursing Home in Windham, and is still quite well for that age.

Thursday was a super nice day and were in Lewiston again Thursday afternoon. When we were down earlier in the week, I had ordered an extra pair of lenses for some frames that I had, and since they were ready for me, we went down after them. Peggy wanted to do some checking of coats at the Sears Store and ended up buying herself a new coat for Christmas.

When we got back to Norway, we stopped at Longley's Hardware Store to see if possibly they might have some Mend-Its. These were used years ago to patch holes in pots and pans and were a common product many years ago. They had four packages left and we ended up buying all of them, not for our-

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School sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Mountain Valley 102, Telstar 44; Dec. 20--Jason Mullen was high scorer for Telstar with 13 points in a loss to Mountain Valley. Other scorers: Matt Lawrence (10); Neil Thurlow (9); Alan Russell (4); Jason Rosenberg, Greg Koch, Jeremy Curley, Will Seames, two points each. Thurlow had two three-point goals, and Mullen and Lawrence had one each.

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Mountain Valley 47, Telstar 26; Dec. 22--Jen Stevens had 14 points as the Rebels fell to Mountain Valley. Other scorers: Emily Phillips (4); Jenn Walker (2); Erin Osgood (2); Casey Brown (2).

Telstar 61, Boothbay 44; Dec. 19--Brandy Poland, Jen Walker, Emily Phillips and Sara Papaik each had 10 points as the Rebels defeated Boothbay. Other scorers: Mandy Berry (8); Erin Osgood (7); Casey Brown (6). Rebounds: Berry and Brown, 11 each, Osgood nine; Phillips six. "They played an exceptional game defensively, along with balance scoring," said coach Ray Seames. "It was their best game so far this season."

High School Girls' J.V. Basketball

Telstar 53, Boothbay 45; Dec. 19--Jenn Walker led Telstar with 25 points and Sara Papaik had 10 as the Rebels defeated Boothbay.

M.S. J.V. Boys' Basketball

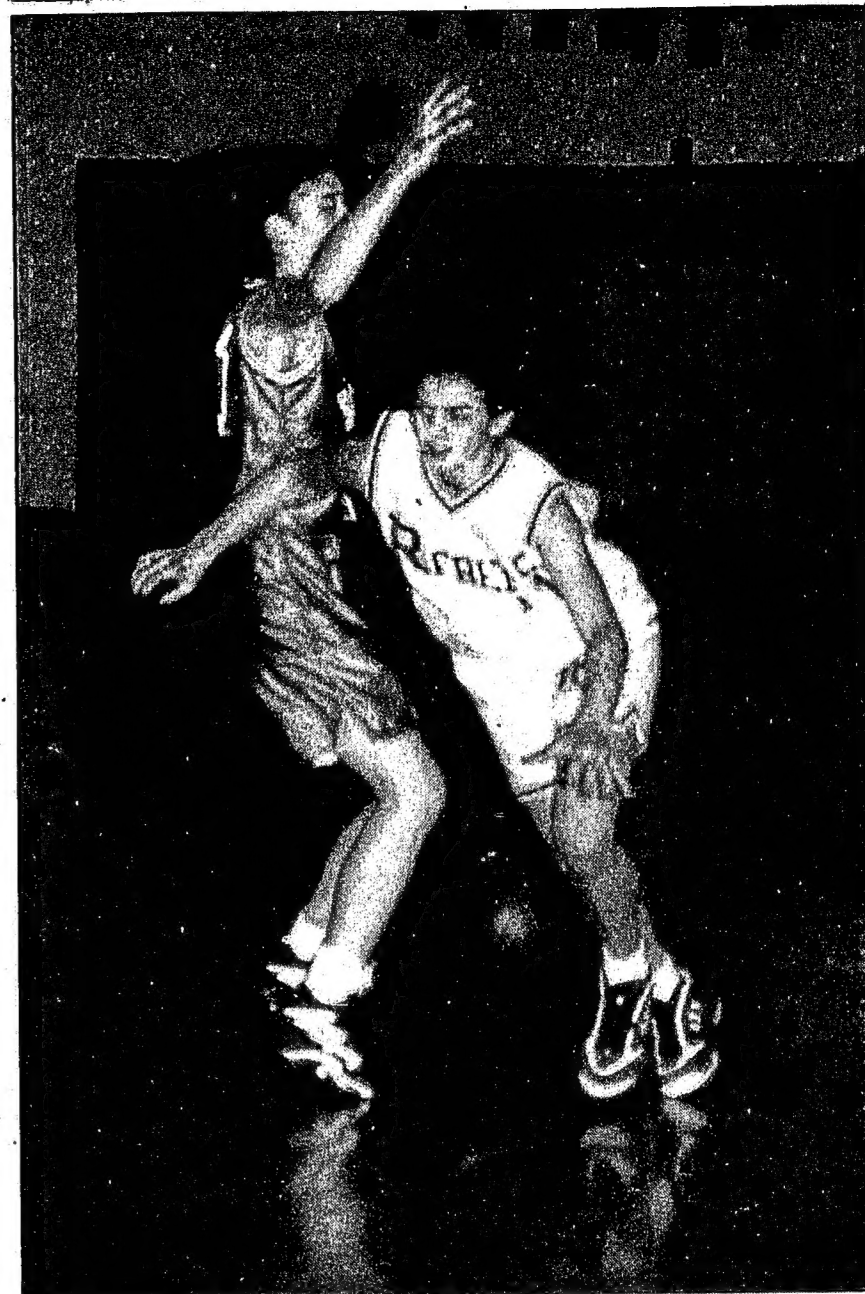
Telstar 39, Dirigo 18; Dec. 17--Gavin Palmer led Telstar with 10 points in a win over Dirigo. Other Rebel scorers: Kinsey Durgin (9); Kane Olson (8); Jeremy Benson, Josh Appleby, Johnathan Hammond, four each. "The team took 61 total shots, a great improvement from our last game," said coach Steve Keane. "They made 19 of those shots, or 31 percent, from the floor." Even scoring, a strong press and good defense produced the victory, he said.

Mountain Valley 34, Telstar 19, Dec. 15--Kinsey Durgin had seven points and Gavin Palmer and John Hammond four each in a loss to Mountain Valley.

M.S. Girls' Varsity Basketball

Dirigo 39, Telstar 26; Dec. 17--Mariah Seames led Telstar scoring with 14 points and Amanda Miclon had six in a loss to Dirigo. Seames also had six steals, and Lauren Hart pulled down five rebounds. "A good fourth quarter effort kept the game close," said coach Kelly Dole. "The girls showed great hustle and determination."

Mountain Valley 27, Telstar 10; Dec. 15--Mariah Seames scored all of Telstar's points in a loss to Mountain Valley. Lauren Hart had four rebounds. "We had a tough time against the press," said coach Kelly Dole. "Mentally, this was not our best effort."



CIRCLING A SEAHAWK--The Telstar Rebels girls' varsity basketball team ran rings around the Boothbay Seahawks Friday, winning 61 to 44. Coach Ray Seames called the game "their best so far this season." Here, Telstar's Erin Osgood drives past a Boothbay player. (Photo by Alison Aloisio)

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Class C-size Telstar should ski with Class A's best

By ALISON ALOISIO

It's not easy for the Telstar High School cross-country and alpine skiers to think of themselves as a single team.

One group boards a bus every afternoon to head for the slopes, while the other heads out into the woods behind Telstar. They only see each other as they head for the parking lot at the end of practice.

But it's their combined scores at season's end -- at the state meet -- that determines where they finish in Class A. And that leaves coaches Bob Remington and Beth LaVallee trying to create an overall team concept under difficult circumstances.

"It comes down to the state championship. There are no tie points (that determine standings during the season)," said LaVallee.

Until then, the cross-country and alpine squads will compete separately, looking to perform well in their individual meets -- and perhaps gain a psychological advantage over their opponents for the state championship in February.

Telstar, a Class C-size school, competes in Class A against much larger schools, such as Mt. Blue, Oxford Hills and Skowhegan. Remington and LaVallee expect their squads to be right in the thick of things.

Cross-country

Cross-country coach Bob Remington expects the Rebel boys to "do well, and be better than a year ago," he said.

He sees good balance between the classical and freestyle events.

This season's lineup includes seniors Jayson Hebert, Kris Orrok, Dana Howe and Brent Lake; sophomores Forrest Fyberg, Colin Reuter, Chris Marcum, and Per Sandstrom; and freshman Justin Wight, who will compete in both cross-country and alpine.

Newcomer Howe, said Remington, "is there because of John Applin's influence."

Howe is a cross-country and longer-distance track runner. He was encouraged to try the skiing version of cross-country by Applin, who coaches track and fall cross-country.

Howe and freshman Wight give the team more depth over last year, when seven boys skied.

Hebert was the team's top finisher last season, coming in 16th in the state championship five-kilometer classical race.

A year's extra growth will also help the team's strength among both the seniors and sophomores, said Remington.

"I think we are contenders for four events (combined with alpine, at the state championship). We'll be close enough to hang in there and combine with alpine scores," he said.

On the girls' side, the team will miss the graduation loss of Jessie Wight and Liza Fyberg. The Rebels have five girls -- just one more than needed to score as a team.

Michelle McInnis is the lone senior. She is joined by junior Heather Best and sophomores Erica Gundersen, Erin Dennis and Jenny Sue Howe.

Like Dana Howe, his sister Jenny and Best are converted distance runners trying the sport on Applin's recommendation. Both show promise, said Remington.

McInnis, he said, "is skiing well early. She will be improved."

Gundersen is the best classical racer of the returnees. "I think those two (Gundersen and McInnis) will be real competitive within the team," Remington said.

Alpine

"The nucleus is back," says LaVallee -- and she's speaking of

both boys' and girls' alpine squads.

The boys return their fastest skiers from last year in Matt Hiebert, Chris Vaughan and Sam Sayen, all juniors, and Jay Horne, a senior.

Last year, Hiebert won the Mountain Valley Conference Championship giant slalom, and the Rebels won the team GS championship.

LaVallee also expects solid performances from seniors Grayson Wakefield and Matt Koskela. "You can have your stars, but if you don't have solid 4-5-6 racers, your team won't be successful," she said.

Also joining the team this year are freshmen Justin Hautaniemi, a converted freestyle skier, and Justin Wight.

The girls' team, which finished second in both GS and slalom at the state championship, lost no one to graduation. Top finishers Malinda Gilbert, Toni Vacca (juniors) and Becky LaVallee (sophomore) are back, and are joined by freshman Junior Olympian Stephanie Vaughan.

"They kept pushing each other all year last year, and I think that will continue," said coach LaVallee of the returnees. And including Vaughan, "any of those are capable of being the top finisher in a race. It will be interesting to see who sets the pace."

Other returning skiers are juniors Vicky Coolidge and Julie Burgi, and sophomore Gail Aloisio.

Both the boys' and girls' teams are getting added coaching this year from Sunday River Ski Resort coaches. Fred Cowin helped out last season, and is joined this year by Uel Gardner. Six of the racers also participate in the weekend racing program at Sunday River.

"We will be competitive," said LaVallee of both teams. "They're as hard-working a bunch as you'll ever see."

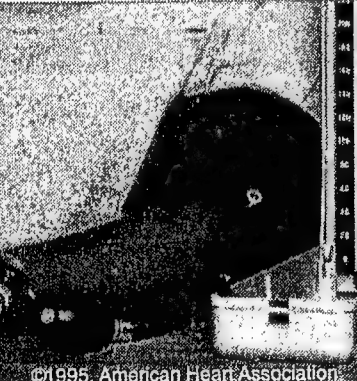
Gould Academy Winter Sports Schedule

Date	Men's Varsity Basketball	Men's JV Basketball	Women's Varsity Basketball	Prep School Varsity Alpine Skiing	Prep School JV Alpine Skiing	Cross Country Skiing	Prep School Snowboarding
Tuesday Dec. 30						Jackson Criterium	
Saturday Jan. 3						Mt. Blue Relays	
Monday Jan. 5						Puiney Relays	
Wednesday Jan. 7				Sunday River H 2:00 GS			
Friday Jan. 9				Shawnee Peak A 2:30 GS			
Saturday Jan. 10	Hyde H 1:00	Hyde H 2:30	Hyde A 1:00			Maranacook Skate	
Sunday Jan. 11						Jackson Classic/Craftsbury JOQ	
Monday Jan. 12	Averill H 5:30		Averill H 4:00				
Wednesday Jan. 14	Waynflete H 3:00	Waynflete H 4:30	Waynflete A 2:30	Mt. Abram A 2:00 GS	Sunday River H 2:00 GS		Sunday River H 2:00 HP
Thursday Jan. 15				Sunday River H 2:00 GS			
Friday Jan. 16				Shawnee Peak A 2:30 SL			
Saturday Jan. 17	East Gate A 3:30		East Gate A 2:00			Leavitt Classic	
Sunday Jan. 18						Holderness Eastern Cup	
Monday Jan. 19	Kent Hill H 4:00		Kent Hill A 4:00			Berkshire Relays	
Wednesday Jan. 21				Mt. Abram A 2:00 GS			Kent Hill A 2:00 BA
Thursday Jan. 22	Elan H 7:45		Elan H 6:15				
Friday Jan. 23				Shawnee Peak A 2:30 SL		Telstar Relays/Sugarloaf JOQ	
Saturday Jan. 24	Hyde A 3:30	Hyde A 5:00	Hyde H 3:30			JO Qualifier Rumford	
Sunday Jan. 25							
Tuesday Jan. 27	Pine Tree H 7:45		Pine Tree H 6:15				Sunday River H 2:00 HP
Wednesday Jan. 28				Shawnee Peak A 2:30 SL			
Friday Jan. 30				Shawnee Peak A 2:30 GS		Saxt Memorial Rumford Classic	
Saturday Jan. 31	Averill A 4:30		Averill A 3:00				
Monday Feb. 2	Elan H 5:30		Elan H 4:00				
Wednesday Feb. 4	Rangeley A 7:00		Rangeley A 5:30	Kent Hill A 2:00 SL	Shawnee Peak A 2:30 GS		Shawnee Peak A 2:30 BA/GS
Thursday Feb. 5				Mt. Abram A 2:00 SL			
Friday Feb. 6				Sunday River H 2:00 SL			
Saturday Feb. 7						Rangeley Classic/JOQ Stratton	
Sunday Feb. 8						L.L. Bean Wild Moose @ CVA	
Wednesday Feb. 11	Hebron A 2:30	Hebron A 4:00	Hebron H 2:30	NEPSAC Shawnee Peak		MAISAD - GS/SL Shawnee A TBA	Sunday River H 2:00 HP
Thursday Feb. 12				Sunday River H 2:00 SL			
Friday Feb. 13				MAISAD - GS/SL Sunday River H 10:00			
Saturday Feb. 14	Hebron H 2:30	Hebron H 4:00				JOQ Putney Pursuit	
Sunday Feb. 15						Washington's Birthday Race @ Putney	
Monday Feb. 16			Hebron A 2:30			NEPSAC @ NMH	
Wednesday Feb. 18						Rangeley Luplet	
Saturday Feb. 21						JOQ Silver	
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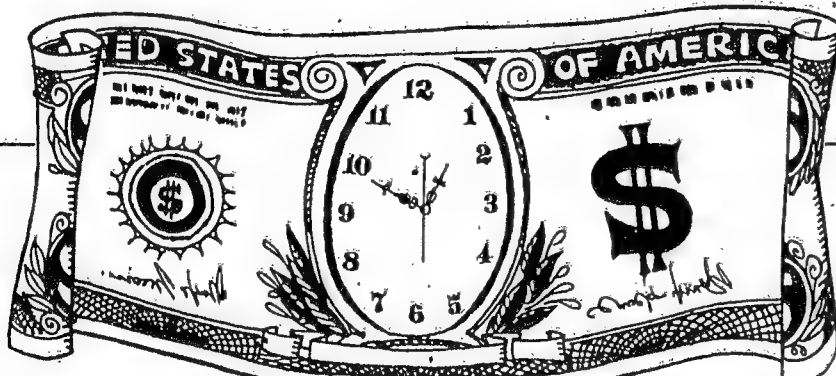
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selves, bit for others that had been wanting some. They told Peggy that they believed those four packages were the last Mend-Its in the country.

As of Friday, we think we're just about done mailing Christmas Cards as well as some packages. We went downtown to pick up some groceries at Shop 'N' Save as well as to do a few errands.

Friday afternoon, Peggy made a Lemon Meringue Pie to go to the Tri Town Rescue Food Sale on Saturday, at the Ambulance barn.

Sister Peggy, also Doc Merrill from South Paris, attended the dance at the Locke Mills Town Hall Saturday evening, but were

back home quite early.

Doc Merrill came up Sunday to have dinner with us. On his way up, he ran into a real hard snow shower, so he turned on his headlights, but forgot to turn them off, when he got here. After having dinner and a short visit, he found that his car wouldn't start, so Peggy took him home, where he planned to get help, but nobody showed up, so later in the day, I hooked up my battery charger to the battery in his car. We let it charge for about three hours, and then the car was ready and we had it running, when they came for it about 7:30 p.m.

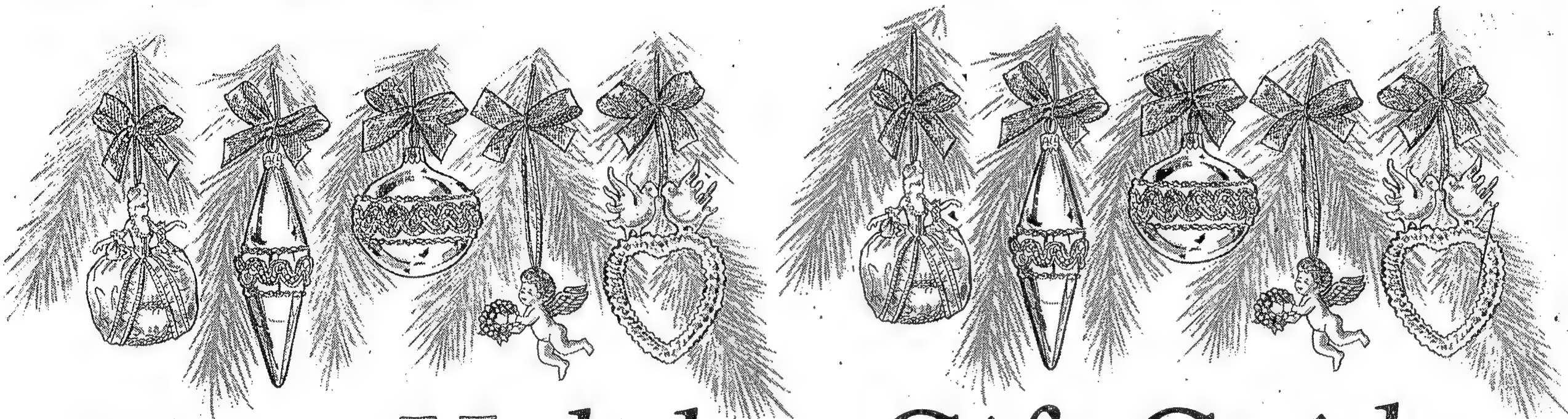
Mary Lovejoy and the children

that she cares for, attended the Foster Children's Christmas Party in Turner, on Saturday.

Hope Lovejoy's travel class in college, has had to do a presentation on different countries and Hope drew Australia as the country for her presentation. She did a 20 page write up about Australia and then had to prepare and serve, one kind of Australian food. She ended up making some small Australian cakes which went over great with her instructors and classmates.

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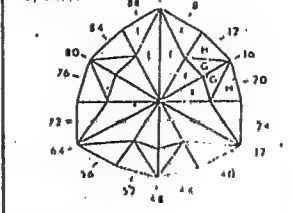
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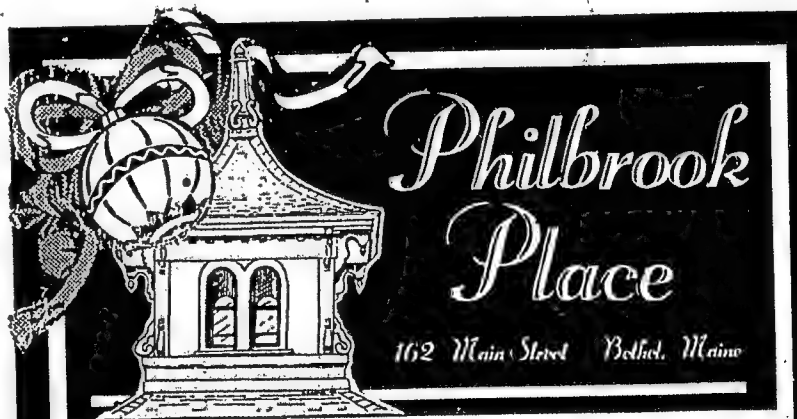
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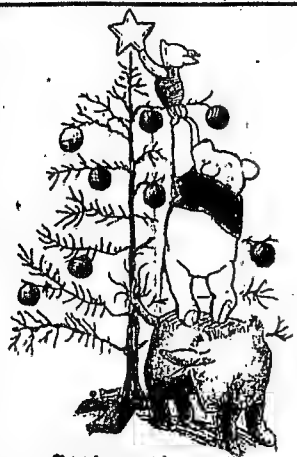
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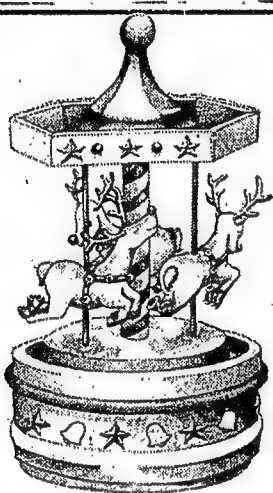
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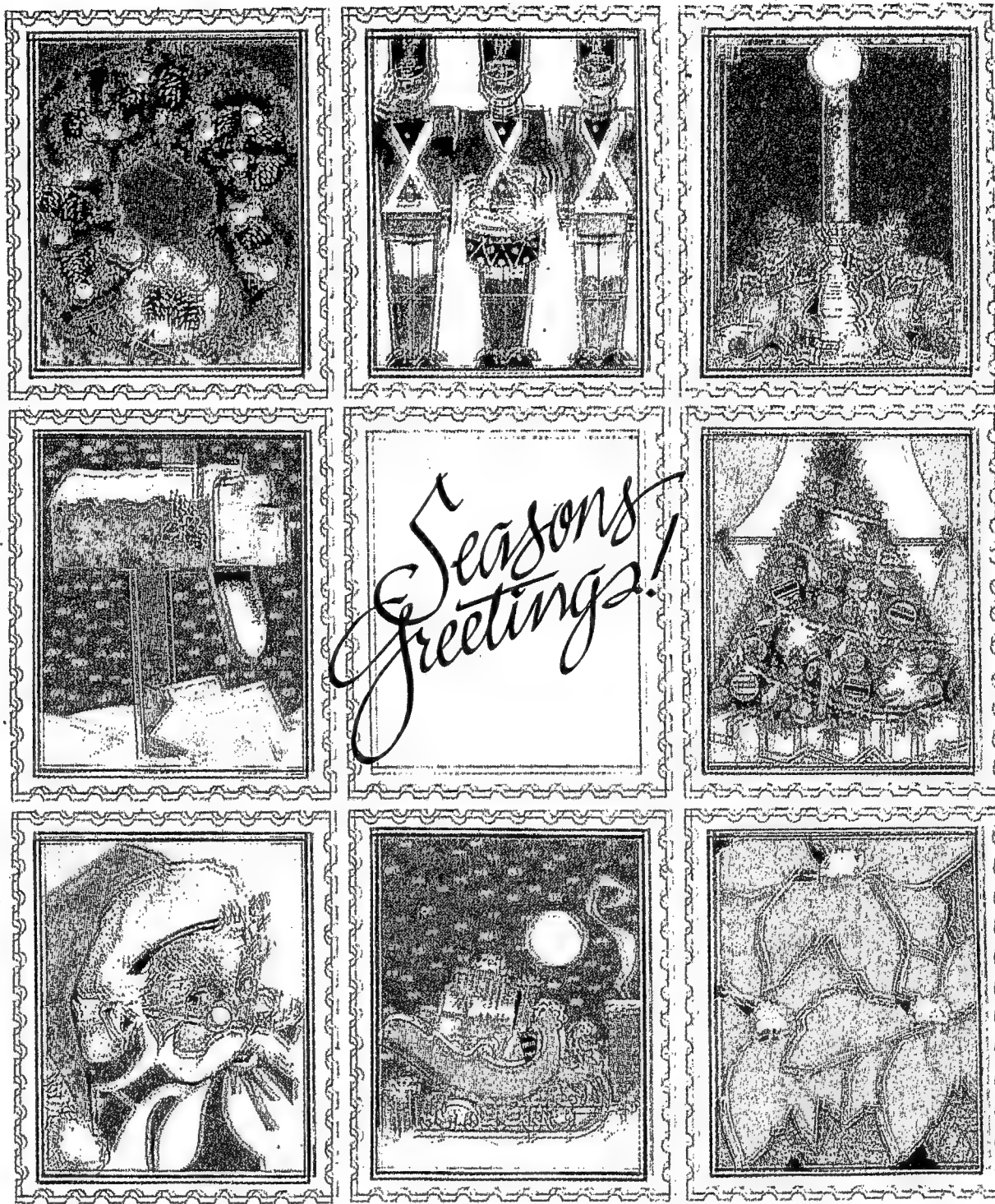


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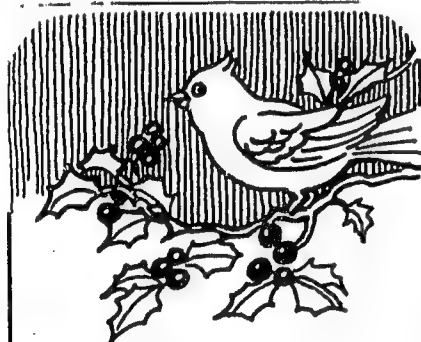
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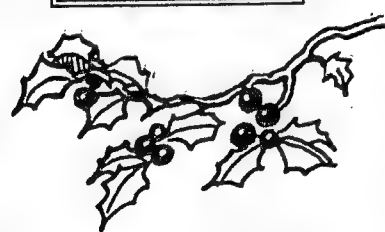
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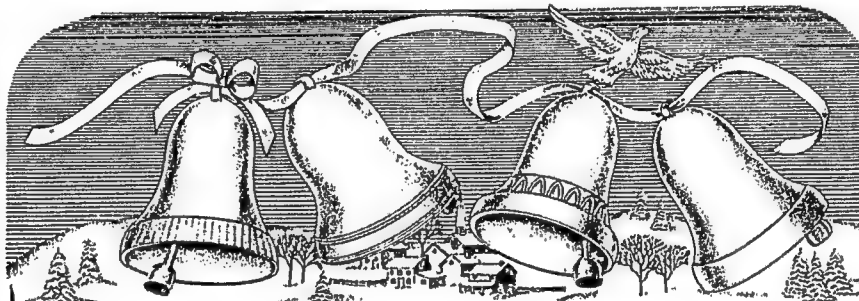
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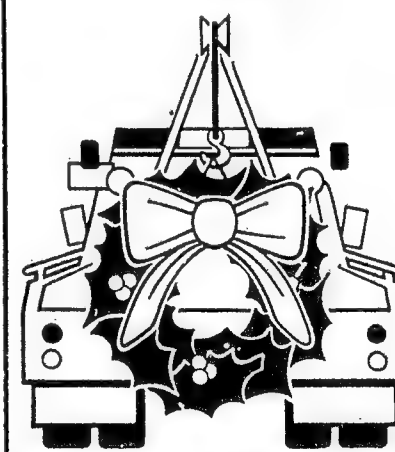
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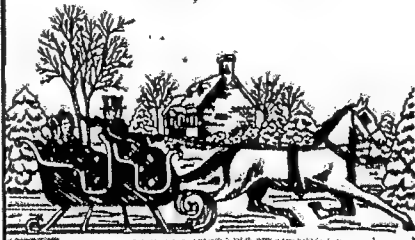
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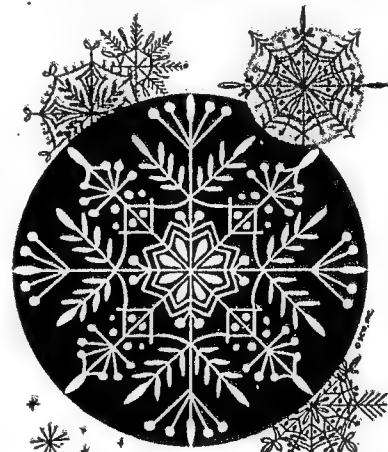
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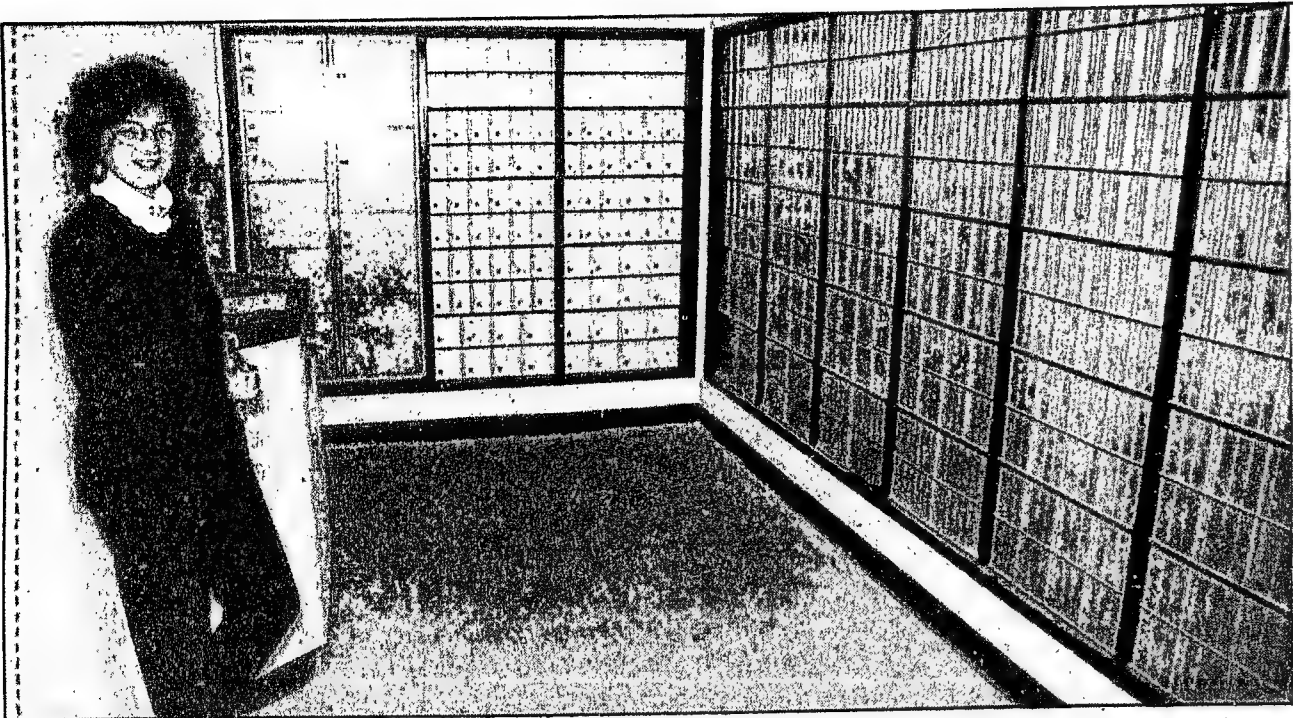
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JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS
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Bruce McKenzie Johnson's 'Time for Magic'

"A Time for Magic" is a raucous evening of high energy comedy and amazing illusions. The Black Diamond Family Entertainment series will be presenting two performances, Saturday, Jan. 3 and Wednesday, Jan. 7, at the Sunday River Ski Resort. Both shows begin at 7 p.m. at the Grand Summit Hotel.

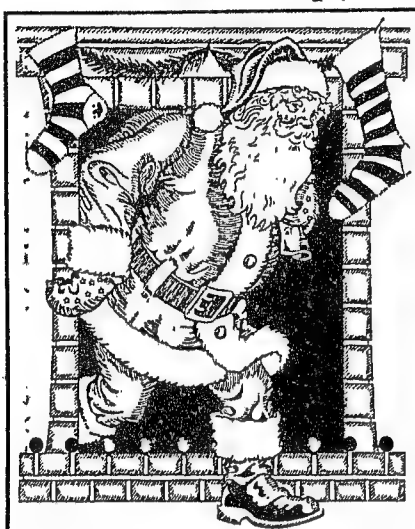
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Bruce McKenzie Johnson performs a show filled with stand up comedy, audience participation and some of the world's most amazing illusions.

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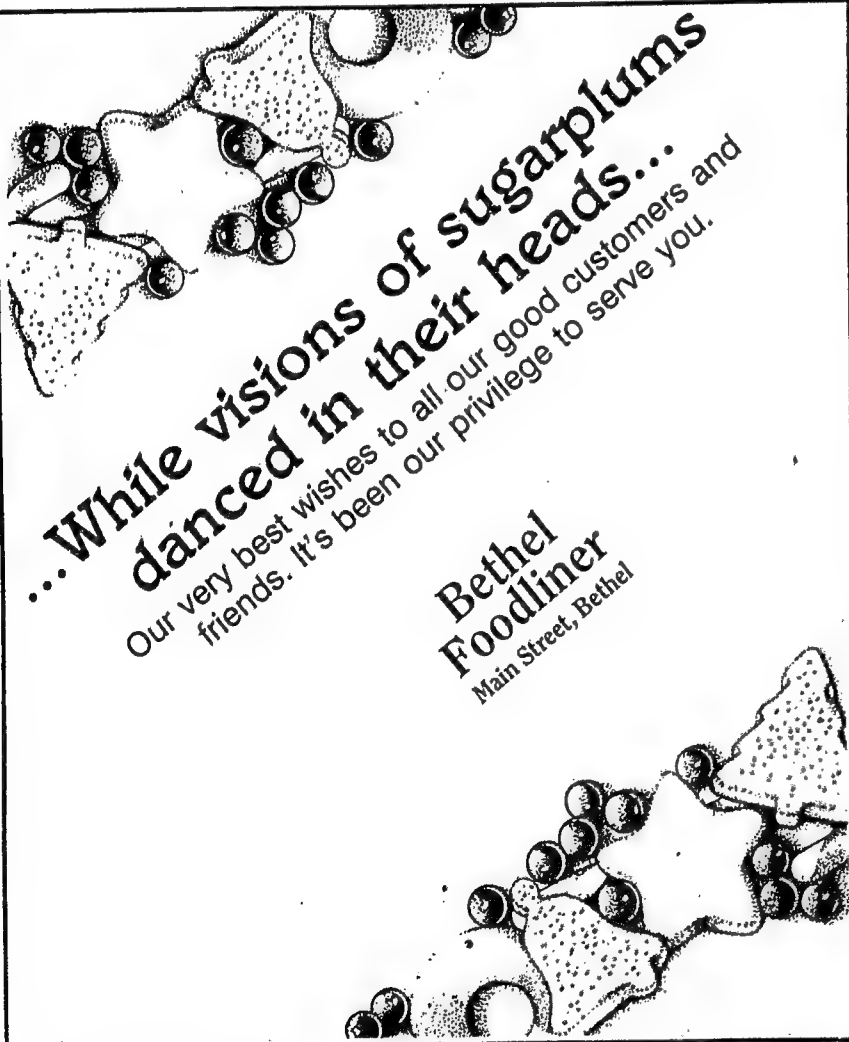


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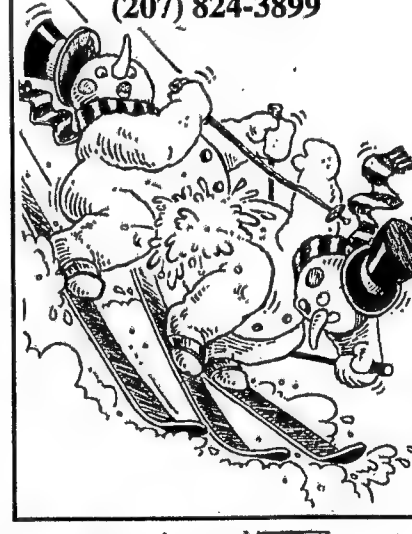
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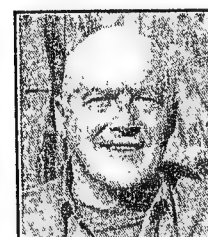
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THE ENTIRE GOULD ACADEMY STUDENT BODY stands with their teachers outside the new building in the fall of 1883. This photograph is but one of thousands owned by the Bethel Historical Society, which also possesses an outstanding collection of manuscripts, books, documents, and artifacts relating to western Maine and northern New Hampshire. The society is currently raising funds for its proposed Center for Local and Regional History on Broad Street, which will also provide for improved storage and greater access to collections as well as rooms devoted to exhibits, educational activities, research, traditional crafts, and museum store operations. To learn more about this project, call the society at 824-2908 or 1-800-824-2910 or use its e-mail address (history@bdc.bethel.me.us).

Mason Township



by Richard Grover

I've had at least one person ask what happened to last week's "Mason." The answer is, "Murphy's Law" struck the "Citizen" office and omitted it. But I've been assured that it will not happen again, at least until next time. (Last week's column follows at the end of this week's - Ed.)

Last week, I reported that Don Aylward returned safely home after heart bypass surgery. This week, I'm happy to report that Don is making progress, however slow it seems. He has been getting out and walking some during this nice weather, and he looks good for someone who has been through what he has. He said the doctors told him the best place for him to

walk was in a mall near home; little do they know how far it is from Mason to the nearest mall.

Verna and Dewey Thayer flew to Chicago last weekend to attend their grandson Scott Thayer's graduation from college. Scott has worked hard, going to school, while at the same time working and raising two daughters. I know that must mean more to him, realizing that he earned his degree under difficult circumstances.

Whenever I'm in the woods around here I keep my eyes open for potential Christmas trees, even though it may be July. Well, last September while working up firewood, I noticed an excellent Yuletide balsam in the edge of what used to be a field. Trouble was, it was too big for my house. But, the West Bethel Church is always looking for a nice Christmas tree, so I let Dan Grover know the tree was available. Last Sunday morning about 11:30 a.m., he showed up, looking for the tree, right at the

same time that "ten minute blizzard" hit. We took the chainsaw and an axe and headed across the field to cut the tree. By the time we got the tree cut and started back to the truck, we were in a total white-out, which flocked the tree, us, the truck and everything else, but we got it.

That evening, after a fellowship supper, everyone gathered in the sanctuary and sang Christmas Carols, while the younger set decorated the tree. And a lovely tree it is, too. By the time the tree was decorated, Santa showed up and passed out gifts to all the children, quite a few days early, I'd say.

I was going to tell about the new "fun panels" we have at the shop this week, but that will have to wait, since I was told to keep it short this week because they will run last week's too.

And here's last week's:

I am happy to report that Don Aylward came through his surgery

in good shape and is now at home and doing well. He says he is pretty tired, but he is really pleased to be home. "No way can you sleep in one of those hospitals," he says.

He claims he had so many bypasses at Maine Med, that he feels like one of those interstate highway interchanges. At any rate, we're all really happy that he is home and on the mend.

Tracyn Thayer (Verna and Dewey Thayer's granddaughter) and her husband Norman arrived from North Carolina recently. They plan to stay in Maine for about three weeks, visiting Tracyn's mom Cindy as well as her grandparents. They enjoyed a delightful evening meal prepared by "Gram" and the fellowship of aunts and uncles, Rupert and Ina, Peg and Joe, and Rich and Mona.

I think the rest of Mason should join Mona and me in welcoming Jeffery, Serena and little Coulton Williams to our fair village. The Williams have built a beautiful

home high up on the side of Meeting House Hill, about half way between the cemetery and "the falls." They are our newest residents, having moved here on Mothers Day 1997.

When I asked Jeff and Serena why they picked Mason to settle down in, they said it was a combination of factors that led them here. First, Jeff, who is a forester for Mead Paper Company, said he wanted to live closer to more of the woodland property owned by that company in western Maine. He was tired of the commute from Readfield, where they used to live. Secondly, they like the low population density, which makes it a quiet place to live. Third, they like the quality of the schools here. Finally, they were able to afford to buy a sizable chunk of property here, which is also a good insurance against neighbors building too close.

Serena is a guidance counselor at Hartford-Summer Elementary

School, and she says she doesn't mind the commute from here too much. She says they really like the view from the house, but there is one disadvantage to their location. The only TV station they can pick up now is channel 8, so no Patriots games! They are thinking about getting one of those digital satellite dishes. They have done a beautiful job decorating the house, bringing in some solid oak doors, stair railing and other items from old churches and other buildings they found advertised in magazines and sale flyers. They even have one of the old-fashioned kitchen wood stoves, which gives it a nice homey feeling. I think they are going to fit in just fine here. Jeff may even be able to give some of us some pointers on how to bag that elusive big buck.

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The Athletic Boosters will be selling season passes for the basketball season. The prices are: student, \$10; adult, \$20; family, \$30. Make checks payable to the Telstar Athletic Boosters and mail to Sarah Craig at the above address.



AES--Mrs. Melsner's second-grade class has been busy sending faxes to the Galaxy Program. The second-grade Galaxy Program involves a lot of science/hands-on activities, plus uses technology like the fax machine. The second-graders have each just finished their own fax telling who they think owns the trunk. This is the mystery part of the program which they try to solve during the year.



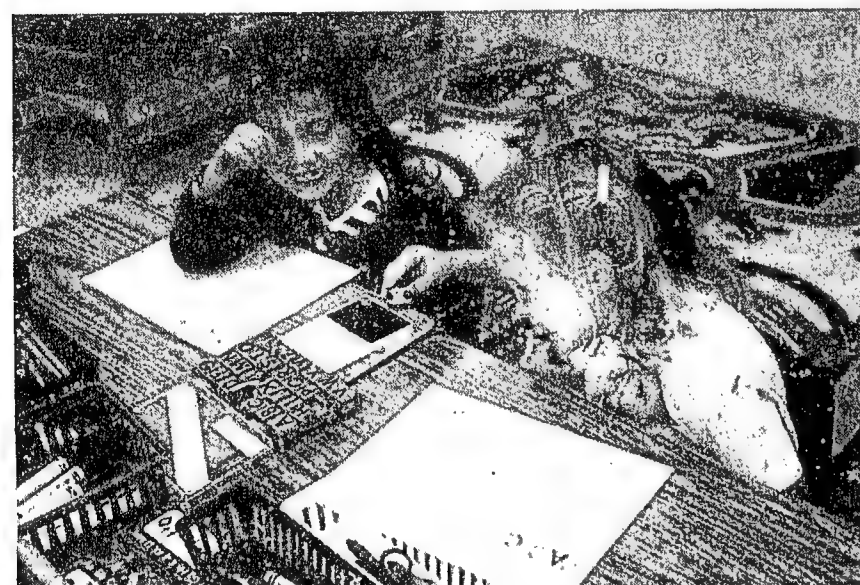
AES--Christmas is in the air in Miss Stuart's third-grade classroom at AES. Students recently hand-stamped Christmas cards with the help of Terry Sprague (Miss Stuart's sister).



WES--Albert Curtis (grade three) assists Rick Skogland of Manchester, Conn., Fire Department, as he demonstrates the type of "fireproof" clothing used by firemen in a large city fire department. The children also viewed a video of an actual fire in progress. They also talked about the way to safely exit a fire scene.



CPS--Lucas Schandelmeyer works on a space project in Mrs. Sabin's Kindergarten.



CPS--Faith Parker and Amber Brooks work at an alphabet station in Mrs. Sabin's Kindergarten.



Grade One Field Trip to Chipman Farm--In the "Pumpkin Patch" picking out pumpkins: Teresa Walker, Alex Gundersen, Bryce Walker.



WES--"Great American Smokeout" poster contest winners. Front row, l to r: Merissa Osgood-G2, Joelle Silver-G2, Abby Hutchins-G2, Peter Dickenson-G1, Elizabeth Forkus-G1, Lisa Piccirillo-G1; second row: Albert Curtis-G3, Nicole Gaidis-G3, Josh Campbell-G3; third row: Danielle Forkus-G4, Nicholas Deane-G4, Todd Roberts-G4; back: Ryan Merchant-G5, Rachel Gigliotti-G5, Candice Ward-G5.



AES--Exciting changes have taken place in Kindergarten and first grade at the Andover Elementary School this year. Mrs. Conrad has taken on the challenge of initiating multi-age services by combining Kindergarten and first grade. During the first quarter, the Kindergarten students attended school for half of the day. In the second quarter, parents had the option of having their student attend school all day. Mrs. Conrad has had much support from the community.



CPS--Don Fendler, who wrote "Lost on a Mountain in Maine," visits CPS fourth-graders. They read and studied his book as part of their social studies curriculum, shown here with Mrs. Gilbert's class.



CPS--A cooperative learning group in Mrs. Sabin's Kindergarten: Joey Silver, Chloe Bergman-Ray, Cynthia Mason.



WES--Mrs. Ford's grade-three class had a visit from the Chinooks, a rare breed dog; America's only original breed. This type of dog was used by Admiral Byrd to reach the South Pole. It holds the endurance record for sled dogs. l to r: Joshua McDonnell, Chelsey Brown, Nicole Gaidis, Jacquelyn Coffin, Randi Mack, Braydon Crockett-Jackson, Billy Demarest.



CPS--A Kindergarten class visits Oscar Annis' Turkey Farm.

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Where there's smoke, this Andover couple finds pleasure and profit

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodburning, says Laurie Brown of Andover, is "the only crafty thing I really like doing."

And lately, enough other people like what she's doing so well that Laurie and her woodcrafting husband, Bob, hope to combine their hobbies into a full-time business.

For years, Bob made a variety of wooden items, such as tables and benches, and occasionally sold them. Meanwhile, Laurie began dabbling in woodburning for fun.

Then, last year, Bob made a bench for their kitchen. Laurie looked at it and said, "You know, I'd like to try woodburning that." So she sketched out a covered bridge scene, then picked up her woodburning pen. The result: "I loved it."

That first project was followed by several others, as Laurie and Bob combined their talents to make wooden pieces as gifts for relatives.

Word got around. Other people began putting in requests for woodburned items. The Browns made clocks, stools, more benches and tables, and even a woodburned countertop.

They did custom-made items. For instance, the stools could be made to an exact height. Or a table to a specific dimension. And they used both hard and softwood.

Laurie has developed her own preferences and style for working with wood. Maple is her favorite, because she likes the background it presents. And, she says, "I have to have a feel for the wood. It has to go together for me in my head first."

Once she has an idea in mind, Laurie's technique is fairly simple. She sketches out parts of a scene in pencil, drawing buildings, animals and people, then woodburns over them. She does more basic images, like trees, without sketching.

One of the largest projects for Laurie was a 42-foot-long scene on a foot-wide pine board. It was to be hung as a wall decoration just below ceiling level.

"I had to come up with 42 feet of ideas that went together, but didn't repeat themselves," she said.

She incorporated a combination of farm and wildlife scenes to fill the space. The project took between 40 and 50 hours to complete.

A smaller project last year was a set of tray tables, which were raffled off as a fundraiser for the Andover Elementary School. They netted \$600.

This year, the Browns have made a set of four stools to raffle for AES. The stools usually sell for \$80 each.

Both the tray tables and stools featured Andover scenes or landmarks, such as the town gazebo and library.

Not enough time in the day

Laurie and Bob both have other jobs. What they have less and less of now, however, is time.

"We do this every hour that either one of us is not working the other job. We have no free time," Laurie said.

But the Browns may be on the verge of making their craftwork into full-time work. If they can do it, it will be a dream come true for Bob.

"Building trades and shop were my favorite subjects in school," he said. "(Making a living at wood-working) has been my goal ever since high school. It's been finding a market for it."

They plan to make over their garage into a shop. Right now, they operate out of their kitchen. They've given their small business a name — Abnaki Wood Creations.

Although the Browns want more business, they want to keep it small-scale.

"Our goal is not to get rich quick. We don't want to overcharge people," said Laurie. "Part of the neat thing is that Bob builds and I woodburn. We work together."



A TEAM EFFORT—Bob and Laurie Brown of Andover, owners of Abnaki Wood Creations, are combining their talents in woodcrafting and woodburning to produce items like these stools, which were raffled off this week as a fundraiser for the Andover Elementary School. (Photo by Alison Aloisio)



MOLLYCODD MARKET PLACE ANTIQUES CENTER
Owners Sandra and Ken Poland specialize in antiques and collectibles, including all kinds of pedal cars, toys, Parrish Prints, oak furniture, glass, china, pottery, and Amish furniture. Mollycodd Marketplace also now carries a new line of collector Teddy Bears and doll furnishings. The antique center, located on Route 26 at the junction of Route 219, is open Saturdays and Sundays December through May from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursdays through Mondays, 10 to 5, May through November. "We are always looking to buy pieces and estates," says vice president Kim Poland, who may be reached at 207-758-1367. She is shown above (right) with Sandra Poland.

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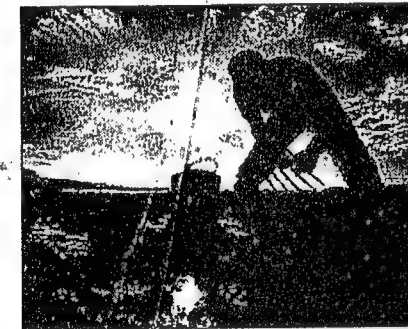
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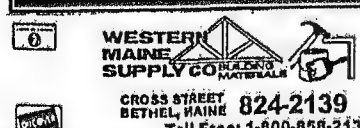
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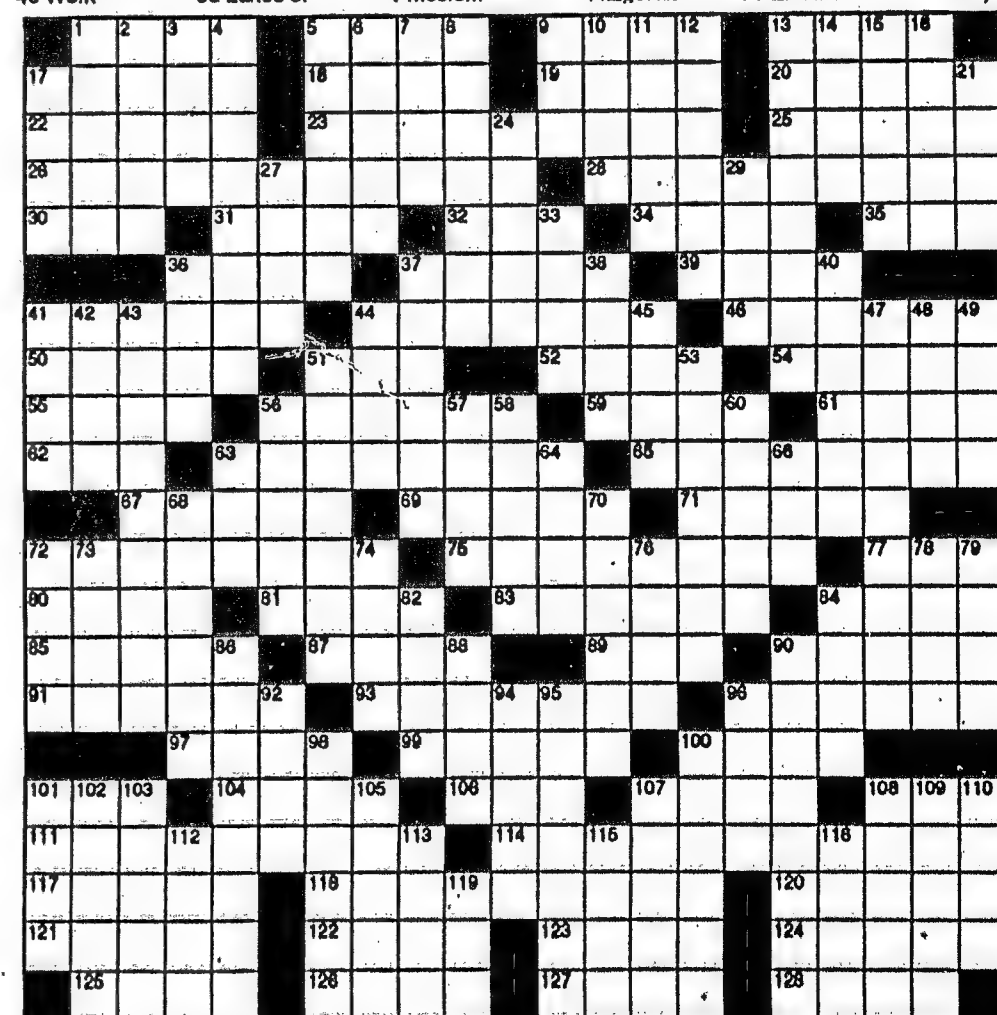
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| 1 Nag, nag, nag | 50 Investigative clues | 91 Not ours | 2 Strict | 41 — mater | 79 Part of B.A. |
| 5 D'Urberville | 51 Round or lass | 93 Regain one's health | 3 Mennonites | 42 Beloved | 82 Proofreader's mark |
| 9 Go to the mall | 52 Word of woe | 95 Engenders | 3 Seamstress | 43 River rising in Great Slave Lake | 84 Weight allowance |
| 13 Engrave with acid | 54 Winter forecast | 97 Meadow munchers | 4 Doctors' clients | 44 Russian council | 86 Sultry |
| 17 Island group north of Tonga | 55 Cooking spice | 99 DDE's home state | 5 Warning signal | 46 Droops in the middle | 88 Cooling desserts |
| 18 Native American | 56 Branching | 100 Dry, as wine | 6 Element in moral philosophy | 47 River feeding the Ohio | 90 Repulsive |
| 19 Gypsy | 59 American author/critic | 101 Political incumbents | 7 London fog? | 48 Chantreuse | 92 Stolen goods |
| 20 Sert's forte | 61 Christie or Karenina | 104 Muni or McCartney | 8 Eden invader | 49 Greenland settlement | 95 Redgrave of the theater |
| 22 Pindar, for one | 62 It landed on | 106 Capitol VIP | 9 Kind of sailing ship: abbr. | 98 Put forward an opinion | 98 Forehead |
| 23 River flowing to Hudson Bay | 63 Washington crossed it | 107 Lotion ingredient | 10 Broadway musical | 100 Swells with fluid | 101 "— girl!" |
| 25 Valuable dark wood | 65 Long river in Georgia | 108 Chew the fat | 11 Kukka's friend | 102 Observes | 103 Struck heavily |
| 26 Huckleberry Finn's river | 67 — Gay; historic plane | 111 Alabama | 12 Jal alai | 104 Kind of race | 105 The original "Scarlett" |
| 28 U.S.-Mexico border river | 69 Contemptible person | 114 Missouri | 13 Retired from active duty | 56 Kind of race | 107 Asian mountain system |
| 30 Bat wood | 71 Nick of Hollywood | 117 Uncomplaining one | 14 Wind instrument | 57 Slamesa measura | 108 "— My Way" |
| 31 TV soap star | 72 Unobstructed view | 118 River rising in Big Stone Lake | 15 Hag | 58 Lake, port and canal | 109 Baxter and Bancroft |
| 32 Guido's highest note | 75 River to the Ohio | 120 Being in debt | 16 Members of the crew | 60 Call forth | 110 Asks for charity |
| 34 Relic | 77 Mrs. In Madrid | 121 Sicilian volcano: var. | 17 Intoxicating plant juice | 63 June beetle | 112 Twining stem |
| 35 Dangerous curve | 80 Cutting tool | 122 Potent or puncture starter | 21 Composites used in soap | 64 Nine's comb. form | 113 Sicilian tourist town |
| 36 Presently | 81 Canine cries | 123 Attack the fly | 24 Eyelashes | 66 Like a pub drink | 115 Makes meadow sounds |
| 37 Game bird of the marshes | 83 Construction serviceman | 124 Rich sources | 27 Broadway hit signs | 68 Existing in the intellect | 116 Small branch |
| 39 Pet of Nick and Nora | 84 Russian despot | 125 Blind | 29 Flatter effusively | 70 Public warehouses | 119 — picker (overly fussy one) |
| 41 Recognizes as valid | 85 Bonnie of songdom | 126 "— Hamilton Woman" (1941 movie) | 33 Town on 17 Across | 72 Actor's portion? | |
| 44 Selects for special duty | 87 Wife of Siva | 127 Sale assistant | 36 Military | 73 Esau's wife | |
| 46 Work | 89 Footlike organ | 128 Cake ingredients | 37 Goat antelopes | 74 On — (equivalent to) | |
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5 TBS	9 WPXT, FOX, Portland	14 SHOWTIME	19 FLIX	24 Nickelodeon	29 History	34 TNN	39 Cable News Network (CNN)	44 Lifetime			
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THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 25, 1997											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Movie: "A Christmas Story"				News	Cheers	Frasier	Real TV	
(32)	Jesus of Nazareth Cont'd			Movie: "Airport"				700 Club			
(6)	NBA Basketball		Friends	3rd Rock	Seinfeld	Veronica's	ER	News			
(8)	Fortune		Jeopardy!		Movie: "To Kill a Mockingbird"				News		
(10)	News-Lehrer		Denyce Graves		Mystery!			Morgan Choir		Red Green	
(22)	Sportsctr.	Best of Up Close Special	Golf Hawaii	Games of the Year			SuperBowl	Sportscenter			
(34)	Dukes of Hazzard		Twelve Videos		Prime Time Country		Miracle on Highway 31		Dallas		
(18)	Frasier	Ent. Tonight	Promised Land		Movie: "The Christmas Box"			News			
(41)	New England Tailgate		Boxing: Fight Time				Auto Racing: FIA GT Championship				
(15)	"One Fine Day" Cont'd		Movie: "The Bridges of Madison County"					Amistad	Inside the NFL		
(17)	Movie: "Ernest Saves Christmas"			Movie: "Mary Poppins"			Walt Disney Presents				
(18)	"Space Jam" Cont'd		Movie: "Eraser"		Movie: "Broken Arrow"						
(20)	College Basketball		College Basketball: Puerto Rico Classic Semifinal					FOX Sports News			
(44)	Movie: "Babyfaces"			Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes: Funicello			Homicide: Life				
(5)	Little House		Movie: "Cocoon"				Figure Skating: Stars on Ice				
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Alex Mack	WonderYr	WonderYr	HappyDay	Bewitched	Odd Couple	Taxi	M.T. Moore	
(25)	Movie: "The Return of the Pink Panther"				Movie: "An Affair to Remember"			Cahill-Marshall			
(26)	Movie: "Return of the Jedi" Cont'd			Movie: "Kindergarten Cop"			Movie: "Scrooged"				
(27)	Northern Exposure		Biography		Unexplained			Law & Order			
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Coach	Movie: "Return to Mayberry"			News		Beverly Hills, 90210			
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Burden	Larry King Live	World Today		Sports Illus., Moneyline			

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 26, 1997											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Cheers	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at San Antonio Spurs					M*A*S*H	Real TV	
(32)	Waltons		Rescue 911	Diagnosis Murder			Hawaii Five-0		700 Club		
(6)	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Movie: "The Mighty Ducks"				Dateline		News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Sabrina	Boy-World	Sabrina	Boy-World	20/20		News		
(10)	News-Lehrer		Wash. Wk.	Wall St.	Keeping Up	Brittas	Red Dwarf	Red Dwarf	'Allo, 'Allo		
(22)	Sportsctr.	Kickoff	College Football: Motor City Bowl -- Marshall vs. Mississippi							Sportsctr.	
(34)	Dukes of Hazzard		Auto Racing: Highlights III						Dallas		
(18)	Frasier	Ent. Tonight	Fam. Mat.	Gregory	Kennedy Center Honors-Celebration of Perform. Arts					News	
(41)	Celtics	AHL Hockey:	Hershey Bears at Hartford Wolf Pack				New England Tailgate		NBA Action		
(15)	Inside the NFL		Movie: "Fair Game"			Movie: "Drive"			Spawn		
(17)	Movie: "Blank Check"			Movie: "Under Wraps"			Jonny Lang in Concert		Walt Disney Presents		
(18)	"Doc Hollywood" Cont'd		Movie: "To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday"			Movie: "The Glimmer Man"			Inside Out		
(20)	Front Row	Fishing	College Basketball: Puerto Rico Classic Final				Sports		FOX Sports News		
(44)	Movie: "The Abduction"			Movie: "Closer and Closer"					Homicide: Life		
(5)	Griffith	Griffith	Movie: "Summer Rental"				Movie: "The Money Pit"				
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Kablami	HappyDay	WonderYr	Bewitched	Classic TV Countdown				
(25)	"Rebecca"	Movie: "The Deerslayer"		Movie: "Magnificent Obsession"					Beast-Fathoms		
(26)	Highlander: The Series		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "Good Morning, Vietnam"					National	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Smithsonian Expedition			Grand Tour	Law & Order		
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Coach	Movie: "A Simple Twist of Fate"				News		Beverly Hills, 90210		
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Burden	Larry King Live	World Today		Sports Illus.	Moneyline		

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 27, 1997											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3)	Viper	Movie: "He Said, She Said"					News	Marlin	Star Trek: Voyager		
(32)	Greatest Practical Jokes	Movie: "Caddyshack"					Movie: "Papillon"				
6	Honey, I Shrunk the Kids	Movie: "D2: The Mighty Ducks"					Pretender	News	Sat. Night		
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Oh, God!"					Practice	News	Psi Factor	
10	Alzheimer's	True North	Drum Corps International World Championship					Red Dwarf	Red Dwarf	On Tour	
(22)	Sportsctr.	NFL	College Football: Insight.com Bowl -- Arizona vs. New Mexico								Sportsctr.
(34)	Hee Haw	Opry	Grand Opry	Staller Bros.			Country Music		Opry	Grand Opry	
13	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Figure Skating			Early Edition		Walker, Texas Ranger		News		
(41)	Celics	NBA Action	AHL Hockey: Worcester IceCats at Hartford Wolf Pack							College Basketball	
(15)	Movie: "Solo" Cont'd	"Beavis and Butt-head Do America"				Movie: "The Juror"				Dragline	
(17)	Movie: "Honey, I Blew Up the Kid"	Movie: "D3: The Mighty Ducks"				Goofy				Walt Disney Presents	
(18)	"Groundhog Day" Cont'd	Movie: "Someone Else's America"					Movie: "Sci-Fighters"				
(20)	Polo: Pacific Coast Open	Gaelic Games					FOX Sports News			FOX Sports News	
(44)	"Any Mother's Son"	Movie: "Prison of Secrets"					Movie: "The Haunting of Lisa"				
(5)	WCW Saturday Night	Movie: "The War Wagon"					Movie: "The Beguiled"				
(24)	Doug	Beavers	Rugrats	All That	Kenan-Kel	Strange	Classic TV Countdown			Newhart	
(25)	"Parrish"	Movie: "The Spirit of St. Louis"			WENN			Movie: "The Sundowners"			
(26)	Good Morning, Vietnam	Movie: "Almost an Angel"					Movie: "Seduced by Evil"				
(27)	Mysteries of the Bible	Biography This Week			Investigative Reports		John Denver: The Wildlife Concert				
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Riches	Movie: "Oscar"			News			Coach	Fatal Expo	
(39)	Capital	Business	Prime News	Sports Illus	Larry King Weekend		World Today			CNN/Sports Illustrated	

SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 28, 1997												
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
(3)	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at New York Rangers					NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Los Angeles Lakers						
(32)	Movie: "Blazing Saddles"				Carson's 17th Anniversary Special				Hawaii Five-0			
6	Dateline			Movie: "The River Wild"			News		Outer Limits			
8	Movie: "A Little Princess"					Movie: "I Love Trouble"			News		Paid Prog.	
10	National Geographic		Nature		Masterpiece Theatre		Masterpiece Theatre		Masterpiece Theatre			
(22)	Sportsctr.	NFL	College Football: Independence Bowl -- Louisiana State vs. Notre Dame							Sportsctr.		
(34)	AmLegnds	Bigmouth	Shooter	Hunting	Championship Rodeo	Raceday	NHRA	NASCAR	Road			
18	60 Minutes		Touched by an Angel		Movie: "The Sunshine Boys"			News				
(41)	College Basketball: Hoosier Classic Championship			High School Basketball: Kreul Classic				NBA Action				Celics
(15)	"Star Trek: First Contact"		Movie: "Independence Day"					Movie: "Mars Attacks!"				
(17)	Goin' Wild!	Omba	Timon	Aladdin	Walt Disney Presents		"The One and Only, Genuine, Original Family Band"					
(18)	"That Thing You Do!"		Movie: "Shampoo"			Movie: "The Sunchaser"						
(20)	Skilling Magazine on TV			College Football: Amherst at Williams			FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News			
(44)	Tequila	Movie: "Mississippi Burning"				Intimate Portrait			Homicide: Life			
5	National Geographic Explorer				Wild! Life Adventures		Robert Ripley: Believe		National Geo.			
(24)	My Brother	All That	Rugrats	Nick News	HappyDay	WonderYr	Classic TV Countdown		Newhart	Classic TV		
(25)	Master-Ball	Screen	Movie: "The Pleasure of His Company"					Movie: "Desiree"				
(26)	"Renegades" Cont'd		Pacific Blue		Silk Stalkings		La Femme Nikita		Big Easy			
(27)	Ancient Mysteries Cont'd		Biography Presents		Canadian Brass		Rodgers & Hammerstein: The Sound of Movies					
(12)	Nick Frgno	Parent	Jamie Foxx	Tom	Unhappily	Alright	News	Replay	Coach	Nightman		
(39)	Capitol	Crossfire	Prime News	Sports Illus.	Impact	Crossfire-Debates		Sports Illus.		NBA Wk.		

MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 29, 1997											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	In House	Malcolm	Good News	Sparks	News	Cheers	Mad-You	Real TV	
(32)	Waltons	Rescue 911			Diagnosis Murder		Hawaii Five-0		700 Club		
(6)	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Suddenly	Jenny	Caroline	Fired Up	Dateline		News		
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Quiz Show"					News			
(10)	News-Lehrer		Metropolitan Opera Presents						'Allo, 'Allo!		
(22)	Sportsctr.	Kickoff	College Football: Holiday Bowl -- Colorado State vs. Missouri						Sportsctr.		
(3)	Dukes of Hazzard		Today's Country		Prime Time Country		Monday Night Concerts		Dallas		
(13)	Frasier	Ent. Tonight	Cosby	Raymond	Cybill	George	Ladies' Home Journal		News		
(41)	AHL Hockey: Rochester Americans at Hartford Wolf Pack					Sports Writers on TV		Boxing			
(15)	"Bogus"	Storyteller	Movie: "The Cable Guy"			Tales-Crypt		Comedy Hour		Movie: "Breast Men"	
(17)	"Oliver & Company"		Movie: "How the West Was Fun"				"The Return of Jafar"				
(18)	Movie: "Sabrina" Cont'd		Movie: "Up the Sandbox"				Movie: "Orion's Key"				
(20)	Front Row	Boxing	Boxing		Front Row		FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News		
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries			Movie: "One of Her Own"			Homicide: Life		
(5)	Griffith	College Football: Carquest Bowl -- Georgia Tech vs. West Virginia					Movie: "Double Impact"				
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold!	HappyDay	WonderYr	WonderYr	Classic TV Countdown				
(25)	Movie: "Loving You"				Movie: "Spellbound"				Hell Bent for Leather?		
(26)	Highlander: The Series			Walker, Texas Ranger		WWF Raw		WWF War Zone		Slk Stalkings	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography of the Year			Sherlock Holmes		Law & Order			
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Coach	7th Heaven		Buffy the Vampire Slayer		News		Beverly Hills, 90210		
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News		Burden		Larry King Live		World Today		Sports Illus. / Moneyline

Community Calendar

Activities

Tuesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.--Beginning Clogging at the Newry Grange Hall. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Newry Recreation Committee. Call Nancy (824-2115) for information -- or just come.

Tuesdays, 3 to 5 p.m., Computer Lab time at the Adult Learning Center, Bethel (Windows 95, MS Office 97, and Internet). Public users must have their own e-mail account with a provider or may use one of the free e-mail services available on the Internet. Lee Dolleman supervises the lab.

Fridays, 7 to 9 p.m.--Ballroom Dance Classes at Greenwood Town Hall to benefit Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Donation: \$25 (tax deductible). For information/registration, call Nancy Willard, instructor, at 665-2788.

Starting Jan. 22, 6:30 to 9 p.m.--The Alliance for the mentally ill of Maine 12-week family education course starts at G.R.A.M.I. Board Room (second floor), 150 Congress Street, Rumford, sponsored by Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Free. Pre-registration suggested (prior to Dec. 29). Call Diane Farnum at 364-3549 for further information and/or to register.

Sunday, Dec. 28, 7 p.m.--Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Company will be featured at the Summit Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort. Tickets: \$3 for kids, \$5 for adults in advance; \$4 and \$6 at the door.

Tuesday, Dec. 30, 10:45 a.m.--Western Area Agency on Aging will present "Supermarket Savvy and Food Safety," by dietetic technician Robin Andrews, at United Methodist Church in Bethel. Lunch available following presentation.

Tuesday, Dec. 30, 7-8:30 p.m., Seminar on the scientific evidence for creation at the Bethel Inn Conference Center. Topics include natural selection, probability, carbon dating. Free admission, refreshments served.

Saturday, Jan. 3 and Wednesday, Jan. 7, 7 p.m., Bruce McKenzie Johnson, comedy magician at Summit Hotel at Sunday River Ski Resort. Tickets: \$3 kids, \$5 adults advance; \$4/\$6 at door. For more info call 207-824-3573.

Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 10-11, Bethel Winter Festival.
Wednesday, Jan. 14--Bethel Senior Citizens Club monthly meeting and luncheon at Bethel Methodist Church, 11:30 p.m.



Reach

Rape Ed. and Crisis Hotline 1-800-622-2365. Sexual abuse helpline, 743-9777. Past or present victims of abuse.

Exchanges

District Exchange--Open every Monday 1-4 p.m., Thursday, 4-6 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ethel Bisbee School, Bethel. Clothing on sale, food available for those in need.

Community Service Center--Supplies available for emergencies and disaster relief at Thurlow Hall, Perkins Valley Road, South Woodstock. For aid or information call 674-2663.

Abused Women's Advocacy Project

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

Veterans' Services (State/VA Benefits)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Story hour for preschoolers, Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-5 p.m., 6-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 4-8 p.m.; Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Michelle Conroy, Librarian.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.

Upton Public Library: First and third Thursday of each month, 6:30-8 p.m.

Church Services

Bethel

West Parish Congregational--Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene--Rev. John Grant, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service

Our Lady of the Snows--Rev. Lawrence Conley, Mass--Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Bethel Alliance Church--Rev. Richard Mowery, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship service. 6 p.m. evening service.

United Methodist--Rev. Henry S. Nickerson, Pastor, 10 a.m. Sunday worship. Nursery care provided.

West Bethel Union--Rev. Joyce Scott, 9 a.m. worship and church school.

Pleasant Valley Bible--Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship.

Episcopal House Church--at Bohrs' on 38 Chapman Street, 4 p.m., third Sunday of the month. 824-2913.

Church of Christ--at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist--Rev. Linwood Hanson, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. evening service.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist--Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Unitarian Universalist--Sunday worship service, 9 a.m., first and third Sunday of each month.

Andover

First Congregational Church--Pastor Jane Rich. 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. Religious education: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m. beginning Oct. 21.

Calvary Congregational Church--Winter hours: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., worship service 10:45 a.m., fellowship brunch following. Wed. nights, Bible study and prayer meeting, 6:45 p.m. Rev. Duane Waite.

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union--Rev. Deborah M. Jenks, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

East Stoneham

East Stoneham Congregational--Rev. Janice Wilcox, 10 a.m. worship in February, April, June, August, October and December. 9 a.m. church school (Oct.-June).

Newry

Newry Community Church--Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor.

Albany

Congregational Church--Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday summer worship, March 30 through November. Pastor Eddie Gammon.

Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (9 Stevens St.)-- Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church--Route 117N, S. Paris, 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10:15 a.m. worship followed by coffee fellowship. Summer service 9 a.m.

West Paris Baptist--Pastor Gordon DeHaas. Sunday worship 9 a.m., 6:45 p.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

North Paris Baptist--Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church-- Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Rev. Deborah Jenks.

Monthly Meetings

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.

First Monday: V.F.W., Lions' Hall, Bethel, 7 p.m. 824-2587.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Bryant Pond, JR Grange Hall, 7 p.m. For more info, call 665-2460.

Fibromyalgia Syndrome- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome meeting, Bethel Family Health Center, 7 p.m. For info, call 824-3232.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for meeting place.

The Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.
Bethel Airport Authority, 7 p.m. Call town office for meeting place in Feb. and March.

Third Monday: Western Maine Foothills Toastmasters, 6:30 p.m. Dirigo High School, Dixfield. Call 562-4931 for info.

Every Monday: Mahosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church.

Grief group (for the loss of a loved one) meets from 6-8 p.m. in the conference room of the Bethel Family Health Center.

First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Windy Valley Snowmobile Club meets at Newry Town Office, 7 p.m.

First and Third Tuesday: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Lions Den on Main Street at 7 p.m.

Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

Telstar Alumni Association meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Telstar Library.

Second and Fourth Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m. Greenwood Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town office, 7 p.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

Cross-Country Quilters meet at the Bethel Library from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

First Wednesday: Purity Chapter 102, OES, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting. Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7:30 p.m.

Gilead selectmen meet at Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Area Arachnes Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Potluck luncheon.

Western Maine Foothills Toastmasters, 6:30 p.m., Dirigo High School, Dixfield. Call 562-4931 for info.

Second Wednesday: Single parent support group meets at the West Parish Congregational Church, 7-9 p.m.

CPS/PTA meets from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Babysitting provided.

First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Wednesday: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Fourth Wednesday: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, H.F. Richardson Tent #19, East Stoneham, K of P Hall, 7 p.m. For more info, call 928-2611.

Women's Fellowship, West Parish Congregational Church, Garland Chapel, Bethel, 9:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:45-7 p.m., Telstar H.S. cafeteria.

First Thursday: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at Crescent Park School conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.

The Bethel VFW Memorial Post 11363 meets at the Lions Hall on Main Street at 7 p.m.

First and Third Thursday: Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills, 7 p.m.

Fourth Thursday: Bethel Area Poets Society Reading, 7 to 9 p.m. Call 824-3427 for more info.

Every Thursday: Andover Water District Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. at 28 S. Main St. (Next meeting Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.)

West Paris Board of Selectmen meet at the Town Office, 6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Newry home of Norman and Eleanor Davis, 824-2844.

Third Friday: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Every Friday: Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post No. 68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.

First Saturday: Western Maine Mountain Jeepers meet at 7 p.m. at Bethel Fire Station.

Second Saturday: Woodstock Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. in historical society museum. Open to public.

Last Saturday: Upton Planning Board meets at 9 a.m. at the Town Office.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen office or mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The deadline is Monday noon.

Bethel Village & Area Calendar

Last Country Christmas Weekend December 19th, 20th, 21st

Last minute shopping, refreshments & goodies

FRIDAY, 19th

7:30 pm: Yulefest Christmas Student Concert
At Gould Academy, Bethel. For info, call 207-824-7700

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SATURDAY, 20th

12-4 pm: Piano by Local Musicians - At The Village Sampler
facing the Bethel Common. Refreshments, For info, call 207-824-4438

SAT. & SUN. Annual Christmas Tree Sale

Sponsored by Greenwood Snow Sports at Lowell Saw Shop, Rt. 26, South.
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2-4 pm: FREE Hayrides - in Bethel Village

6-7:30 pm: Caroling on Main St. with Bethel Alliance Church Choir.
Meet at the Gazebo on the Bethel Common. All singers welcome

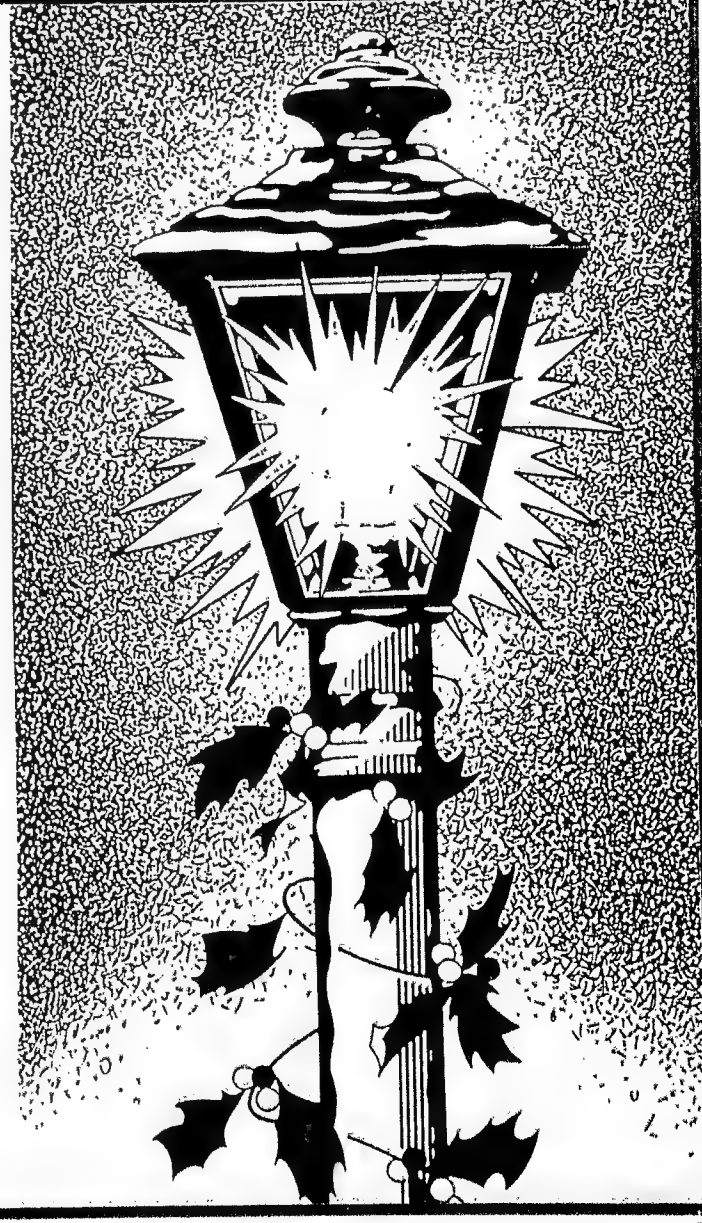
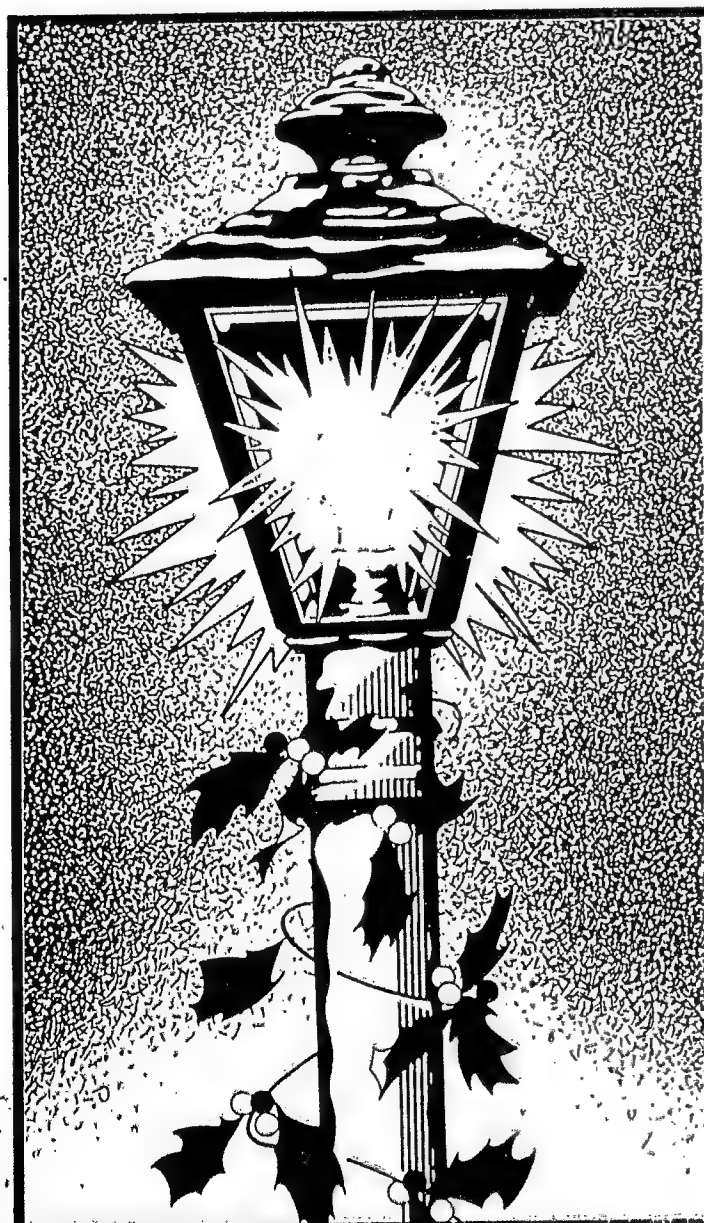
SUNDAY, 21st

5 pm: Living Nativity - On the Bethel Common. For info, call 207-824-4095
7 pm: Christmas Candlelight Service
At West Bethel Union Church. For info, call 207-836-3533

WEDNESDAY, 24th

7 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - At Andover Congregational Church.

7 & 11 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - West Parish Congregational Church



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This week at the

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The film "A Midwife's Tale" will be the subject on the Jan. 1, 1998 monthly meeting of the Bethel Historical Society to be held in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House beginning at 7:30 p.m. The film depicts the life of Hallowell midwife, Martha Ballard, and is based upon her diary which she began recording in 1785 and continued until 1812. This diary became famous through the efforts of Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, formerly a scholar at the University of New Hampshire and currently a Harvard University professor, who won the Pulitzer Prize for her book by the same name. The film features commentary by Thatcher about Ballard and provides insights into how historians decipher the past. It also includes Thatcher discussing what can never be known about Ballard and how she used what could be determined to assemble revealing glimpses into life for an 18th century woman on what was then the Maine frontier. Anyone interested in attending this meeting is cordially invited to do so.

Everyone is reminded that the annual 20 percent sale for purchases totaling \$10 or more on everything in the society's museum store will continue until the end of December. On the back page, the "Citizen" features a coupon which will enable the bearer to save another \$2. Hours are Monday-Friday, 1-4 p.m. and by appointment, 207-824-2908. The society will be closed Thursday and Friday this week in observance of the holiday.

The 1997 Bethel Historical Society Annual Fund continues to grow. It has nearly reached the \$9,000 level from 310 donors. Among the latest contributors are Robert and Pauline Davis of Bethel; Nancy Morris of Bethel; Arlene Greenleaf Brown of Bethel; Roxanne Twitchell Sly of Brooklin. Much appreciation is due all of the above for their generosity. Anyone wishing to make a tax deductible contribution to the 1997 Annual Fund before the Dec. 31 deadline is urged to send it to the society at P.O. Box 12, Bethel, Me., 04217-0012.

From the

Bethel Library

The Mahoosuc Arts Council has been bringing programs in the arts to the schools and communities of the greater Bethel area since 1986. During the 1997-98 season the council has scheduled 14 community performances and 16 school assemblies featuring a variety of visiting and local artists.

The Mahoosuc Arts Council greatly appreciates the generous contributions received from individuals and area businesses for our 1997-98 season. The following have expressed their support for Mahoosuc Arts as of Dec. 20.

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Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Tyler Jr.

Lorena Conant and Gerald Tyler, Jr. were married on May 24, 1997, at the gazebo on the Bethel Common. Lorena is the daughter of Lillian and Roger Conant of Bethel and Gerald is the son of Bertha Tyler of Albany and Gerald Tyler of Milan, N.H. Robin Gundersen performed the ceremony.

The maid of honor was Beth Frisbee and best man was Tracy Gordon. Bridesmaids were Jeannine Conant, sister of the bride; Merideth White, Tammy Mason, Karen Viitala and Gena Morgan. Ushers were Aaron Conant, brother of the bride, and Mike Evans, Joel Mills, Jeremy Head and Peter Gordon. The flower girl was Cheyanne Day, daughter of the groom, and the ring bearer was Lance Tyler, son of the bride and groom.

Their honeymoon trip was taken to Disney World in Florida. They are now residing in Albany.



Fox - Manjourides

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fox of Bethel and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Manjourides of Bryant Pond are happy to announce the engagement of Naomi Fox and Jason Manjourides.

Both are 1995 graduates of Telstar High School and are juniors at the University of Maine at Farmington.

Naomi is majoring in special education and Jason is majoring in environmental planning and policy.

The wedding date is set for Aug. 8, 1998.

Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Payne

On Saturday, Nov. 15, 1997, Ann Jeanette Holt and Bradley Kent Payne were united in marriage at their home in Greenwood City. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Robin Gundersen. The couple was attended by long-time friends, Nancy Hutton of South Portland, and Rodney Gammon of Dixfield, as well as their families. Following the ceremony, a celebration with more than 100 friends and relatives was held at the Bethel Inn and Country Club in Bethel.

Neighbors Dorothy Betts and Eleanor Inman hosted a family dinner for the couple on Friday night. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Humbert of Roaring Springs, Pa., and Mrs. Humbert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Pease of North New Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Pease stayed at the farm with Leonas and Fay Holt.

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The Mahosuc Arts Council and Sunday River Ski Resort will present Fred Garbo's Inflation Theater Co. on Sunday Dec. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Summit Hotel at Sunday River.

The audience will enter the world of pneumatic wizard Fred Garbo and Brazilian ballerina Daielma Santos, a world that mesmerizes audiences with imagery and artistic foolishness, where gigantic inflatable props spring to life. Rolling, gliding, tumbling, juggling, miming, bouncing, quacking and dancing in synch to the music, this delightful duo will inflate spirits and open eyes in amazement.

Garbo as "Fred Zepin" the inflatable man, the world's only human blimp explodes from one amazing shape to another. Santos, as a ballerina adds grace and fantasy with her whimsical dance and amazing rhythm.

The show is the epitome of family entertainment. It begins when a ten foot cylinder slithers onto the stage and implodes and before long the entire audience is playing with gigantic inflatable props.

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Fast paces, energetic, universally engaging and theatrically clever, Fred Garbo Inflation Theater Co. has won the praise and affection of audiences everywhere. Seen on the Late Show With David Letterman, at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., Fred Garbo Inflation Theater Co. share their unique inflatable inventions that are, "helium light and hilarious." The New York Times.

Tickets for this family event are \$3 for children (12 and under) and adults \$5 in advance or \$4 and \$6 at the door. Admission for children under five is free.

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The Maine Nordic Ski Council's Coca-Cola Nordic Series first race, "Carter's Last Stand" is scheduled for New Year's Day at Carter's XC Ski Center in Bethel. Two five kilometer races, one for classical technique and one for skating technique are for all ages and abilities. The first race begins at 1 p.m. Entry fee for one or both races is \$10.

The 1998 Nordic Series is dedicated to the U.S. Cross Country Ski Team representing the USA at the XVIII Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. Funds raised from entry fees will help support the team. On hand for a race clinic before the race will be Jack Lufkin, a Rumford native and member of the 1968 U.S. Olympic Cross Country Team.

Five more series races are scheduled for January through March. For information on the series contact the Maine Nordic Ski Council at 800-SKI-XCME. For details on Carter's Last Stand call 539-4848.

PO 3 KEITH SMITH

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Keith M. Smith of Andover recently completed the Navy Nuclear Power Training Unit course. He is now designated as a nuclear propulsion plant operator.

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Town of Bethel, Maine

Request for Proposals

All Purpose Recreational Bridge

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Town of Bethel, Maine

For Sale By Sealed Bids

The Town of Bethel has for sale the following pieces of equipment by sealed bids:

1980 GMC TRUCK with snow plow. 5-7 yd. hopper sander. Cat 3208 engine that runs well. Brakes recently re-built.

1960 CAT DOZER Engine runs, work needed on tracks.

WAYNE STREET SWEEPER 6 cyl. Perkins diesel engine in running condition. Rear engine needs replacement.

Bids will be accepted until 5:00 pm, January 5, 1998 at the Town Office, PO Box 108, 19 Main Street, Bethel, ME 04217. The Town of Bethel reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and does not imply or provide any warranty on these equipment items. Equipment may be inspected at the Bethel Town Garage during normal business hours.

Public Hearing

Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held Jan. 5, 1998 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a liquor license renewal from Sunday River Brewing Co., located on the Sunday River Road. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office.

Christen Mason, Town Clerk

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Sale of Tax Acquired Property
Real Estate to be sold to the highest bidder by the Executive Director, Maine Revenue Services.

Item No. 1
T17 R4 WELS, Aroostook County
Map AR021, Plan 2, Lot 18
This property consists of 0.23 acre. It appears to be the residual portion of a lot that was mostly taken by the Department of Transportation at least 15 years ago. The lot has a steep grade from Route 161 to the stream. The lot is lightly wooded. Deed reference: Book 770, Page 193. The estimated 1997 property tax is \$5.11. Minimum bid \$75.00

Item No. 2
T17 R4 WELS, Aroostook County
Map AR002, Plan 1, Lot 1 (Building on Leased Land)
This is a camp located on a Great Northern Paper Co. lease (#2816). The camp has seasonal road access. The 322 square foot camp is in need of repair. Electricity is not available. No deed reference available. The estimated 1997 property tax is \$3.41. Minimum Bid \$125.00

Item No. 3
Connor Twp., Aroostook County
Map AR105, Plan 2, Lot 24
This is a spaghetti-type subdivision lot (38.00 acres) with 374' of frontage on U.S. Route 1 about 550' North of Black Brook. The undeveloped lot appears to have been recently cut and is lightly wooded with mixed growth. Electricity and telephone are available. The lot is generally below road grade. Deed reference: Book 613, Page 98. The estimated 1997 property tax is \$76.82. Minimum Bid \$375.00

Item No. 4
E Twp., Aroostook County
Map AR108, Plan 2, Lot 35
This is a 1.00 acre property at the intersection of a black topped and gravel road. The lot is lightly wooded and slightly below road grade. The property has a storage building in need of repair. Power is available. No deed reference available. The estimated 1997 property tax is \$21.80. Minimum Bid \$150.00

Item No. 5
T8 SD, Hancock County
Map HA004, Plan 3, Lot 26
This is a 100'x110' lot (0.25 acre) on Route 179. Electricity and telephone are available. The rear portion of the lot is at road grade but the front portion of the lot is low and wet. The lot is lightly wooded. Deed reference: Book 756, Page 581. The estimated 1997 property tax is \$5.55. Minimum Bid \$75.00

Item No. 6
Albany Twp., Oxford County
Map OX016, Plan 1, Lot 163
This 0.50 acre lot is located between "old" Route 5 and 35 and the relocated road. The old camp was recently burned and the lot has not been cleaned up. The lot is ledge along the current Route 5 & 35. Electricity and telephone are available. Deed reference: Book 1233, Page 243. The estimated 1997 property tax is \$14.69. The Minimum Bid \$150.00

Item No. 7
Kinsman Twp., Penobscot County
Map PE036, Plan 3, Lot(s) 41, 42
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Item No. 8
Blanchard Twp., Piscataquis County
Map PI085, Plan 5, Lot 21
This 1.85 acre lot is located between the paved road and the Piscataquis River. Electricity and telephone are available. There is a stone walled cellar hole. At its widest point the lot is less than 200' from the road R/W to the riverbank. The lot is lightly wooded and slopes from road grade to the riverfront. Deed reference: Book 512, Page 973. The estimated 1997 property tax is \$18.17. Minimum Bid \$200.00

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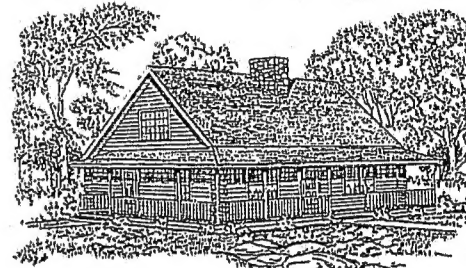
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Obituaries

BARKER HOPKINS

Barker Hopkins, 72, of Dry Hill Road, Beckley, W. Va., died Saturday, Dec. 13, 1997, following a short illness.

Born Jan. 10, 1925, in Bethel, he was the son of the late George C. and Eunice Smith Hopkins.

Mr. Hopkins spent his childhood at Bethel and attended Gould Academy. He graduated from Stephens High School in Rumford, and from the University of Maine in 1948 with a B.S. degree in forestry. He started his career with S.C.S. in Belmont, N.Y., but was transferred to Beckley in 1965. While in Beckley he was involved in the initial planning of the Cranberry Creek Flood Control Project and was also involved in the flood control projects at Sophia-Soak Creek Princeton. He was a retired area conservationist of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, with 31 and a half years of service.

Mr. Hopkins was also a Federal Aviation Administration written examiner, a Certified Aviation Ground School instructor, a licensed surveyor in New York, West Virginia registered forester and operator of "Hoppy's Flights," which offered scenic airplane rides Beckley.

Mr. Hopkins was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, a member of the Beckley Presbyterian Church, a former member of the New River Flying Club and an avid outdoorsman.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Marian Veley Hopkins; a

son, William Hopkins and his wife, Beverly, of Beckley; a daughter, Barbara Yurick and her husband, John of Beckley; and five grandchildren, Sam, Nick and Alice Yurick, and Billy and Shaun Hopkins.

Survivors from the Bethel area are June Brown Greig, Jack Greig and wife Patty, Arnold Brown and wife Mary, Mary Anne Dyer Dragoon and husband Robert from Howard Pond and several cousins.

Services were held at the Beckley Presbyterian Church with Rev. Robin Debnan officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Park, Beckley.

Donations of sympathy may be made to the American Heart Association or the Beckley Presbyterian Church, 203 S. Keoscoha St., Beckley, W. Va. 25801.

DOROTHY V. HUTCHINS

Dorothy V. Hutchins, 91 of East Andover, died Wednesday Dec. 17, 1997 at the Sandy River Center for Health Care in Farmington. She had been a resident of East Andover for most of her life.

She was born in Canada on Aug. 10, 1906, the daughter of David and Elizabeth (Baker) Leach and had attended schools in Canada.

She was a member of the Andover Congregational Church. She was married in Andover on Aug. 19, 1950, to the late Basil C. Hutchins who died in Rumford, on May 15, 1990.

Survivors include six daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Warner of Milford, N.H., Mrs. Ruth Spidell of Andover, Mrs. Josephine Meisner of Bethel, Mrs. Edith Russell of Suncook, N.H., a son Robert Hall of East Andover, two brothers, Roy and Edward Leach of Tillie, N.B., Canada; many grandchildren and great grandchildren, several great grandchildren.

At her request, there were no public calling hours, but graveside services will be held in the spring

at the Woodlawn cemetery, Andover. Those who desire, are asked to donate to the Andover Congregational Church, Andover, ME. 04216 in her memory.

HELEN M. PHILBROOK

Helen Marion Philbrook, 79, of 881 North Road, Shelburne, N.H., died Friday evening, Dec. 19, 1997, at the Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin, N.H.

She was born in Portland, Dec. 30, 1917, the daughter of Lawrence and Helen M. (Day) Philbrook. She was a graduate of Gould Academy and the University of Maine. She had lived in Augusta most of her life.

She had served as Social Secretary for Governor and Mrs. Burton Cross and Governor and Mrs. John Reed. She retired from the State of Maine as Food Service Director for Senior Services.

She did volunteer work in the Augusta offices of U.S. Sen. William Cohen and U.S. Sen. Susan Collins.

She was a member of the South Parish Congregational Church, UCC in Augusta and had lived in Shelburne, N.H. since November, 1997.

Survivors include two sister, Nancy Philbrook and Constance Leger; a niece, Ann Leger; a nephew, Lawrence Leger, all of Shelburne, N.H.

ELAINE A. MACCULLOCH

Elaine A. MacCulloch, age 55, died Friday, Dec. 19, 1997, at the Rumford Community Hospital, where she had been a patient.

She was born in Bristol, Conn. on April 11, 1943, the daughter of the late Irving and Irene (Theide) MacCulloch. She attended school in Connecticut prior to graduating from Old Saybrook High School.

Miss MacCulloch resided the last 22 years in Florida before moving to Upton with her brother in November of this year. While in Florida, she worked as a driver for Trailways Bus Company. She also worked driving charter buses across the country.

She is survived by her brother Paul of Upton, three nieces and a nephew, all of Connecticut.

Private services will be held at the family's convenience. Arrangements handled under the care of Greenleaf Funeral Home, Vernon Street, Bethel.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to the Bethel Fire Department for your quick response and a job well done! Thanks to everyone for your support and encouragement.

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Pastor's study

The Bethel Area Clergy Association, with the help of pastors of surrounding churches, brings you these meditations. Not based on any set theme, they will be individual for each pastor. It is hoped you will find in these words comfort and hope for your daily life.

"And she brought her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." Matthew 2:7 (KJV)

Christmas! Just the word causes visions of bright lights, ornaments, and gifts -- brightly wrapped and tucked away under the tree, which is itself a work of art. But there are those to whom the word also conjures up visions of a long, hazardous journey, ending with the image of a young woman in final labor; a woman who has been forced to seek shelter in a humble stable, with only her baby's stepfather at her side. To offer assistance during the most physically painful event she has known to date. And, in that image, can also be seen the circumstances in which God chose to send His only Son into the world: the suffering of a human being.

But, suffering was not the end of the story that night. Instead, it marked the beginning of something new and beautiful in the lives of this young man and woman: the birth of One who would change the very essence of mankind's relationship with God. Today, whether by the pain of childbirth or any other cause, it can do the same for us, for, just as Mary looked beyond the agony of labor to the glorious event of cradling the Savior of the world in her arms, we can look beyond the painful things in our lives, reaching out to grasp hold of, and cradle, Jesus in our arms. When we do that, God, in turn, reaches out to cradle us in His, and suffering is then delegated to its proper place; a memory that heralds the emergence of true joy into our lives.

Suffering marks the journey from womb to grave that we all make in our short span of earthly existence, and it can strike during any season. However, the person who allows it to control and dictate the course of that journey is choosing to live a life where the memory of suffering serves to dampen the joy that should be felt in the soul during this and every other season of life.

That would be a true suffering, indeed.

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Births

Russell and Jacqueline DeLallo of West Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Jillian Rae DeLallo, born on Dec. 17, at 7:16 a.m. at Stephens

Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz.

Maternal grandparents are Francoise Morin and the late Marc Andre Morin of Jackman.

Paternal grandparents are Randy and Donna Smith of Redding Ridge, Conn. and the late Louis V. DeLallo of New Canaan, Conn.

Sarah and Joseph Klimkowski are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Daniel Jacob Klimkowski, born Dec. 2, 1997 in Springfield, Va.

Maternal grandparents are Norm and Joan Putnam of Bryant Pond.

Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Herb Schwartz, Cape May, N.J. and Joseph Klimkowski Sr. of Flozham Park, N.J.

Daniel joins sisters Elizabeth, 5, and Victoria, 2 1/2.

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WALKING WITH JESUS CHRIST

sequel to our article:
"How to be Born Again"

It was Christ who said in the Book of Matthew Chapter 7: Verses 21-22-23, not everyone who calls me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven.

The commentary of Matthew Henry says: "that an outward expression of religion, however remarkable will not bring us to heaven - that oft times prayers are a formality - having no substance - sounding as of brass and tinkling cymbles - a form of godliness without power. It is in God's will that we believe in Christ, that we repent of sin, live a holy life and love one another. If we comply not with the will of God - we mock Christ in calling Him "Lord", as did those who put on Him a gorgeous robe, and said, "Hail, King of the Jews".

Further in Matthew's Gospel - "Did we not prophesy in thy name - cast out demons and in your name perform many miracles?" - Which even Judas Iscariot did - but to no avail. Heaven is not their home, for their abode is hell, the place of everlasting punishment.

Matthew Henry further states - "A man may be a preacher - many gifts for the ministry and an external call to it, and perhaps some success in it and yet be a wicked man, may help others to heaven and yet come short himself."

We came to God by His grace, quickened in Jesus Christ - "for by grace are ye saved, not of yourselves." Grace will not operate without repentance - "Born Again" - regeneration - from the old to the new - grace rules out human merit - it is faith in Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Saviour.

Let us take heed of resting in external privileges of performances, lest we deceive ourselves and perish eternally as multitudes do, with a lie in our right hand.

Salvation - being saved - is conditional upon repentance and faith in Jesus Christ - John 3:16 - Hebrews 2:3. Salvation is realized in forgiveness - without it - we cannot enter the kingdom of God.

No matter how moral - refined, talented or religious the natural man may be - he is blind to spiritual truth and unable to save himself - regeneration is a spiritual change wrought in a man by the Holy Spirit.

Something to consider and pray about.

Bible: John 3:3 "Jesus said, verily, verily, I say, except a man (or woman) be born again - he cannot see the kingdom of God". (Heaven).

Romans 10:9 "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Romans 10:9 "That if thou confesses with thy mouth the Lord Jesus Christ, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shall be saved."

1 Peter 1:9 "Being born again, by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever."

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13

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